

Comments Received Following the September 20, public meeting and release of the draft plan:

Please make Middlesex Fells a place for all to enjoy

Maura Hardy [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 10:29 PM

To:

Comments, Fellstrail (DCR) [Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us]

Hello,

I'm writing because I'm concerned about the Department of Conservation and Recreation's actions relating to Middlesex Fells. Many residents have put time and effort into voicing their opinions to reach an agreement that would satisfy hikers, bikers, and dog owners. All of their needs should be taken into account in deciding on a plan for Middlesex Fells and the Department should not keep delaying action. Dog owners have few nearby locations like Middlesex Fells where they can bring their dogs to exercise. Dog owners who live in apartments or who don't have yards rely on bringing their dogs there to exercise, and can enjoy it even more so if their dogs are allowed to run and exercise off leash. Middlesex Fells is a great amenity for all those in the community, and everyone should be allowed to enjoy it equally. Hikers and bikers already have areas of the trail they can enjoy for themselves. Dogs and their owners should also have an area to enjoy too.

Please consider this and move forward the trail plan for Middlesex Fells.

Thank you,

Maura Pillsbury

From: Chris Thurrott [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 12:28 PM

To: Sullivan, Rick (DCR)

Cc: Overton, Samantha (DCR); Gove, Nicholas (DCR); Walsh, Thomas M (DCR); Crawford, Conrad (DCR); Briere, Gary (DCR); mayor@medford.org; Jahnige, Paul (DCR); friends@fells.org; fells@gbnemba.org

Subject: Re: The Middlesex Fells Trails Plan public meeting

Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

Congratulations on such a well-run meeting and professional preparation by your staff. I am still reading through the content of the trail plan but the research, preparation, and presentation we saw last night was all very thorough. I'm very glad we've gotten to this step and am looking forward to working with the DCR through the remainder of the implementation and the RMP process.

Thank you and best regards,

Chris Thurrott
Biker, hiker, dog owner, equestrian

From: Chip, Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Feedback on Middlesex Fells

Middlesex Fells are an oasis of natural beauty and sanity. I was grateful to discover them when I moved to Boston because they were close and accessible by public transportation or by bike. I have occasionally met local people who treat them as a sort of sanctuary where they don't want human presence. I would love to be able to get close to the water, respecting that it's a reservoir, but I hope you are able to find a way to maximize the benefits for all concerned. I prefer to walk and bike in the Fells. Best of luck with the process.

From: EDChase [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 3:25 PM
To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: comments on middlesex fells

I don't mind if dogs are off-leash as long as they will come when the owner calls them (Am not a dog owner but love to see them in the park)

Would be nice to keep bikes off the rock circuit and the skyline - a lot of it is not suitable for bikes anyway.

please, please, keep any motorized vehicles out. And would be nice to have a number to call to report such things (have only seen it twice but better to be prepared)

There used to be a notice up - that bikes were NOT permitted from like November to April- but it never said why - and I always wondered - people are more apt to do things when a good reason is given I would think.

Is there any way the police can do "stings" and try and catch the people who smash the windshields ? mine was smashed once - and just the other day, I saw the tell tale glass next to the virgina wood parking area - meaning someone else had been hit. A safe place to park is key.

Rob Auffrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 4:09 PM
To:
Comments, Fellstrail (DCR) [Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us]

Attachments:

Fells SiteWalks Notice (2).docx (22 KB)[Open as Web Page]

I've read the draft and I think it is a good start for equitable use for mountain biking. My only comment at this time is that making Virginia Woods open only to pedestrians puts mountain bikers traveling from the south east sections to the north east sections into traffic, on the wrong side of Woodland Road (no sidewalks) or cuts them off from accessing Whip Hill, etc trails. We need a trail or dirt road through the V.W. section. One that goes around the "bottom" or "top" would suffice. Otherwise bikers will ignore signs and ride through the middle of V.W. as they do now.

I do hope that dog walkers can obtain some legal off-leash access as well.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 3:49 PM

To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)

Subject: Re: (no subject) // question

Sir:

I was unable to stay for the whole fandango last night. Is it true you said that hiking and mountain bikes have an equal impact on trails?

T. Lincoln

Medford

From: Mark Hanson [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 4:41 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail Plan

I just read your proposed trail plan for the Middlesex Fells and wish to make a few short comments about it:

- 1) I am very encouraged that you have produced this plan, I think overall it is excellent and look forward to the implementation of it.
- 2) I strongly support your proposal to improve the amount of single track available to mountain bikers by making other trails multi-use.
- 3) I strongly support your proposal to allow off leash dogs at sheep fold.
- 4) Simplifying the trail network by closing off a lot of the dead end trails, or 'spider network' trails will make navigating the trail network a lot easier.
- 5) Good maps provided by the DCR will be a significant improvement. The maps you posted showing the trail system on the trail plan section of the web site are excellent and far better than any of the maps I was able to find on the DCR web site up till this point:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/materials/greenwaystrails/mapEmidfells.pdf>

6) When creating maps and improving signage I have found the system used at Lynn Woods where each trail intersection is numbered so if you need to find where you are you just look for the same number on the map to be excellent. Introducing a similar system in the Fells would significantly help navigation.

7) About parking, at the Marjam entrance to the Fells could the signage be improved to clearly indicate where parking is allowed as I understand that Marjam owns the parking area where I see quite a few Fells users commonly parking, sometimes Marjam has these cars removed, and I think the people in question simply do not know they should not be parking here.

8) I liked your diplomatic handling of FOF vs NEMBA issue. I am a strong mountain biking advocate but that does not mean I do not also love walking in the Fells and want to protect it for my children. I really hope that FOF will accept these changes and allow us (NEMBA) to work with them to improve the Fells for everyone. I am encouraged by your leadership on this trail plan, and am hopeful that with this continued leadership you will get all stakeholders working for the greater good.

I am an active Fells users who is often found hiking with my kids, walking my dog, riding my bike in the Fells. I moved to Melrose specifically because it was close to the Fells. It is a fantastic natural resource.

Please keep up this excellent work, it is great to see that the DCR is actively working to improve the Fells and I wish you the best of luck.

Mark Hanson

Melrose MA

From: Paul Novosad [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 8:58 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Well done.

Folks,

The draft plan looks great. As a hiker, dog walker and mountain biker in the Fells, I'm happy to see a plan that should improve the condition of the Fells for all of its users.

Involving users in protection of the Fells environment seems essential. While I am not a member of any of the involved groups (e.g. NEMBA, Friends, etc.), I hope DCR plans to

create opportunities for people like me to be involved in making the Fells a more enjoyable place for all of us.

Regards,

Paul Novosad

From: Gail Page [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Gail Page; Bob Rowlands
Subject: Regulate bike usage in Fells

Hello,

I am a hiker and enjoy hiking in the Fells regularly. As a matter of fact, we recently moved to Woburn, in part because it is near the Fells.

Biking

I have been reading about the issue of mountain bike vs pedestrian use of trails in the Fells.

Recently when hiking, I saw a number of bikers. They were all polite. However, some were not on the trail designated for biking.

There can be no arguing with the fact that bicycles tear up terrain more than a walking human.

Therefore, it makes sense to me that mountain bike usage continue to be limited to a designated trail and that there be monitoring of this usage, with some kind of fine for scofflaws, to discourage disregard for the rules.

Ultimately, this will benefit all, as the hiking trails will need less maintenance and bicycle user groups can focus on helping with the maintenance of the biking trail.

Dogs

I support an off-leash area for dogs - the Sheepfold or elsewhere. Again, the leash law elsewhere should be monitored, as possible, with a fine to discourage ignoring the rule.

Thanks for listening,

Gail Page

Woburn, MA

From: Kris Goldizen [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 8:56 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR,

First let me say thank you for all the work you've done and clear concerns shown for fixing several issues with the Fells trail system. As an avid mountain biker, I consider it a privilege to ride my bike on trails in a beautiful place so close to urban Boston. I attended the public meeting on Monday, September 20th, 2010 regarding the development of a new Resource Management Plan for the Fells. It is clear that there are several user groups who are passionate about the Fells and their choice of recreation.

After reviewing the draft trail plan, I believe there is a clear bias towards hiking/hikers in comparison to mountain bikers. The draft trail plan comments several times on "biking on hiking only trails" but never is there a mention of "hiking on biking only trails". And obviously this is because there are no "biking only" trails. Section 3 (page 26-27) of the draft trail plan describes (quite well) the mountain bikers experience and desires for types of trails and terrain when mountain biking. I'd like to draw specific attention to the comments about the importance of singletrack and loop trails and yet there are only two miles of singletrack track trails open to bikers in the Fells. Thus, it should come as no surprise that mountain bikers are riding on "hiking only" trails because these are the singletrack trails identified by the DCR as important to mountain bikers. In keeping with their bias towards hikers, the DCR could only expect more user conflicts if biking was allowed on current "hiking only" trails so I don't expect completely equal treatment in that regard. The solution then is simple, provide mountain bikers with their own singletrack trails that are designated for biking. These trails do not have to be "biking only" but rather have proper signage indicating the trail is designated for mountain biking trail and all other users be aware and perhaps yield to riders. Simply put, you cannot expect mountain bikers to stay off their beloved singletrack, so provide them with their own and the user conflicts will reduce.

I do not speak for NEMBA but as a member I believe they are an excellent resource for understanding the types of trails that would be sustainable and fun and could be used for the designated biking trails. Also, the DCR will likely have a small army of trail builders and trail maintenance workers through NEMBA for sustaining these trails at no cost to the DCR. Mountain bikers want fun, flowing singletrack trails where they can ride with little worry of disruptions from other users just like other users don't want disruptions from bikers. Providing singletrack trails designated as mountain biking trails will solve this problem.

Thank you,

Kris Goldizen

From: Tom Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 11:06 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Plans Comments

Hello:

I thought you did a good job facilitating the other night. Thanks for the work you have done.

From my perspective, I see dogs as a big issue. People allow their dogs to swim in the water; they wander unleashed everywhere, and they don't pick up after their dogs, or they pick up but then leave the bags on trail.

I know the water is probably outside of your domain, however, the holes in the fence by the Sheepfold is one of their primary access points. Perhaps you are responsible for the fencing?

From: Adam Glick [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 9:45 PM
To: Jahnige Paul
Subject: Page 47, implementation table clarification

Hi Paul,

In the implementation table on Page 47, the Winter closure policy is listed March 1 - April 15 and not March 1 - March 31 as described in several other places. I think the "as conditions warrant" makes sense though.

Just wanted to bring it to your attention.

From: Walter Kittredge [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: Dark Hollow Pond Trail

Hi Paul,

Thank you for your presentation last night and the hard work that went into the draft plan. I will send comments on it to the public commentary when I've had time to go over it.

For now I would like to correct a naming error on the maps you had up in the hall (and in the draft plan) concerning the Dark Hollow POND Trail. It is not now, nor has it ever been called, the Dark Hollow Trail. Prior to 1994 there was a short Dark Hollow Trail blazed in yellow that split off from the DHPT on its southern end, turned west to the trestle road, crossed that and went south for 60 feet, then cut back over the hill that looks over the pond, ending at the top of Dark Hollow. This trail was dropped from the 1994 map, and its blaze color transferred to the DHPT, although the blazes were never removed or painted out from the abandoned trail.

There is also a portion of the DHPT that is in error on the maps. The northern end of the trail on the east side of Bear Hill is shown as being the one closer to Rt. 93 nearer the bottom of the hill. This is an unblazed illegal trail. The official trail is the one higher up the slope, closer to the summit, which is immediately evident if you study the official map. Last April I led a team of volunteers on Park Serve Day to clear and re-blaze the DHPT. It had originally been blazed in blue, but the blaze color on the trees was never changed to yellow when the new map came out in 1994, and blue was reassigned to the Cross Fells Trails. Given this, it's not surprising that the official trail fell out of use and there was some confusion as to which trail it was.

best regards,Walter

Walter Kittredge, Botanist
Harvard University Herbaria
Board Member, Friends of the Fells
Member, NEMBA

From: Stephen Paul Linder [spl@cs.dartmouth.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Stephen Linder; Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trials Management Plan feedback
Middlesex Fells Trials Management Plan feedback

1. Provide pave multi-use trails that parallel the border roads and parkways. Currently most of the roads are dangerous for bicyclists. These roads are in a park and their traffic should be calmed, but separate paths might be the only solution for cyclists and pedestrians. It seems a shame that people feel that they need to drive to the Fells because the park roads are unsafe. Also, some of these roads should be returned to their original gravel state, and be closed on weekends and during the day so that cyclists and runners can use them.

2. In order to facilitate the natural experience while using the Fells install sound fencing along all the major automobile arteries through the Fells, or reduce speeds and traffic volume, so as to restore the natural silence that should be found in the Fells.

3. While self policing is a great goal we know this is not sufficient. Take as an example automobile drivers. How many of the drivers on the way home from the public meeting did not break a traffic law? If we as a society can not follow the laws for driving why are we going to follow the rules while in the woods. How often does some one get a ticket in the Fells? I have never seen a ranger or any other law enforcement personnel on the trails in the Fells.

4. A half million Americans a year get bitten by dogs. Just because there are many dogs in the Fells does not give them an inherent right to use the Fells. If you are going to require people to get permits to be off trail then there should be no dogs off leash and leashes should be limited to just several feet in length. Why should dogs have more privileges than people?

5. There is less than an hour window in the morning after a snow storm to ski on the trails before folks begin walking on the ski tracks. While it probably will never happen because people won't listen to the rules there should be cross country ski trails developed for skiers exclusive use for the few days a year that there is sufficient snow cover. Currently the only reliable place to ski is on the frozen ponds.

6. I disagree that there are only a few 100 spots that need trail work. I would say more than half the fire road mileage need major rebuilding so they become gravel/crushed stone paths again. This would provide access to the woods to people who otherwise can not navigate the rock trails including the elderly, the physically challenged, and people with strollers. It would also provide opportunity to recreate for those with bicycles but do not have mountain bikes.

7. I have spent several weekend afternoons pruning rose bushes off one the fire roads to make them passable. I have volunteered to do trail work with the Friends of the Fells but there seems to be no mechanism for me to get involved. Without significant commitment to fire road maintenance some of them are unsafe as multi-use trails. Some places are so overgrown that only a narrow path exists without room for people to pass. In other section there are so many loose rocks that they are dangerous. Bikes can kick up rocks, loose control, etc, people can sprain ankles.

8, While it might be true in general that mountain bikers and hikes have the same impact on a trail this it does not seem to be always true . When bikes pass through muddy areas they seem to have a much larger impact. Bikers also loosen small stones more than hikers, especially on steep uphill more.

9. Currently most of the fire roads, except those around the reservoirs on Winchester land, are in such bad condition that a runner is unable to maintain a smooth cadence. All effort should be made to officially allow use of the fire roads around the reservoirs . I have been

running on them for 30 years and they are a resource not found else where in the park. This appears to be because of two reasons: the roads around the reservoir have fewer steep grades and erode less quickly, and there has probably been occasional maintenance over the years.

10. Off trail use of the park is one of the reasons we have this park. I agree that groups larger than a certain size should have permits, but walking cross country is one of the things that children should learn to do. I think much more of an issue are the groups of mostly teenagers that go into the park to party, swim, drink and light campfires. If you can stop this type of use many of the side trails would disappear.

11. I have been taking climbers into the Fells for 25 years with the AMC and MITOC. Climbing requires off trail use of the park. In general the climbing areas are cleaner than the other rocky areas of the park because the climbers pick up the trash. Climbing is mostly localized to the south east corner, constraining its impact. This use should not be infringed. I can be the contact person for rock climbing or you can contact Paul Dale of the AMC [Mountaineering Committee](#) or the [Access Fund](#), who routinely negotiate climbing management policy with local and federal governments.

12. Trash barrels should be provide at the park entrances and major intersections. One is more likely to pick up someone else's trash if it can dispose of it in a short while.

13. Prescribed burns should be done periodically to control invasive species and help prevent catastrophic fires. Smoking should be prohibited in the summer in the park.

14. If all trail are going to routed away from wetlands, then boardwalks should be built with viewing areas so that people can observe some of the wet lands.

Thank you for a chance to comment on you plan.

Dr. Stephen Paul Linder

Phone message 9/23/10

John Pignoni

Wakfield (formerly Stoneham)

I would like to express my deep concern about off-leash dogs in Fells. I have a particular perspective in which my nose has basically been bitten off by my neighbor's pit bull and my mother has been bitten by a Yorkshire terrier. These were not in the Fells, but these were two different dogs that can bite. My mother's bite caused her to get an infection.

I strongly disagree with any opinion that allows off-leash dogs at the Fells. This is a very sensitive area. The fact that 400 hundred condos are going up in the area will make matters worse. By making an off-leash dog area would exacerbate the issue and everyone would run amuck in the Fells. Owners believe this is a right, but I do not believe it is.

I have been walking the trails and ponds, and the fact that your rangers can't defend the fishing in that area is causing concern. On weekends when your rangers do not work there are a lot of violations.

From: Diane Ballestas [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 9:48 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Thank you..

I live in Cambridge and work at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford and have been using the the Fells since 1996 for running, hiking, biking and skiing. The lack of good single track in the Fells has forced me to take my biking to Harold Parker and Wompatck which are both pretty far from Cambridge. I am very green and have been resentful that the Fells (especially the orange loop) has been so shut off to bikers because of hikers not wanting to share the trails and that I have to waste gas just to go ride some decent single-track. It is a sad state of affairs when a single group of people can have so much power. I mostly hike the fells and when I do see bikers they are very respectful of my safety. I am delighted that the Orange loop will be opened up to bikers and truly hope it will stay that way. NEMBA is a great organization and I know they will help take wonderful care of the Reservoir trail. I personally will too as I do everywhere I bike. Thank you again for making the Fells a more equitable place for all users.

Diane Ballestas
Cambridge, MA

From: Walter Kittredge [oaknashnthorn@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 4:19 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Dark Hollow Pond Trail

The current DCR Trail System proposals have prompted me to share a relevant project that I've been working on this Summer. As a biologist finishing up a floristic survey of the Fells I wanted to contribute something to the Reservation as part of the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity. For this I chose to delineate the unique features which can be observed following the Dark Hollow Pond Trail, at the observation points described below.

Please note that this official trail is blazed in yellow as found on the current map of the Fells, and has nothing to do with the unblazed, illegal trail incorrectly referred to as the "Dark Hollow Trail" in the DCR Trail System draft section 6.9. This section proposes creating "1-3 official designated multi-use routes" in this area which is in contradiction to section 6.1, which calls for eliminating redundant trails. There is already an official trail here, the Dark Hollow Pond Trail, which is a great hiking trail. There are a few fall lines that need to be corrected on it, but the proposed illegal trails have just as many fall lines that would also need to be corrected, thus using this argument to close the official trail in favor of the illegal trails is specious. Granting legal status to illegal trails would reward bad behavior by encouraging people to make more illegal trails wherever they want to have a

new trail, contrary to the goals of section 6.1. The proposed new trail would use a section of illegal trail on Bear Hill that is very close to Rt. 93. In one area the trail is only 10 feet from the rusty chain-link fence and in full view and sound of the noisy highway. The official Dark Hollow Pond Trail by contrast is much further up-slope away from the highway and much quieter and more enjoyable as a result. Finally, section 6.1 also calls for the elimination of spider-web trails north of Dark Hollow Pond, but routing a new trail through the area on existing illegal trails would enable access to these spider-web trails, making it harder to keep them closed. Closing all the illegal trails into and through this area would make enforcement of illegal trail closures much simpler. The current official Dark Hollow Pond Trail doesn't have spider-web trails coming off it in this area, and is thus the logical trail to retain.

Nature Trails in the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Discovering the Dark Hollow Pond Trail
By Walter Kittredge, Botanist
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The Middlesex Fells Reservation provides a great diversity of topography, geology, wildlife and plants to explore, and the Dark Hollow Pond Trail is a great place to start. The trail is 3/4 of a mile long travelling north and south parallel to Rt. 93. Access is from parking on Fallon Road near the fire road at gate 21 on the north side of Bear Hill. The trail skirts the east flank of Bear Hill, crosses a fire road and then the old trolley road, finally hugging the west shore of Dark Hollow Pond, ending at gate 24. In its short course it passes through over a dozen different habitats.

Habitat 1 - Roadside

A short walk from Fallon Road along the fire road to Bear Hill brings you to the trailhead. As is typical of many entry areas, the roadway is full of introduced and invasive plants, which results when native vegetation is removed and a permanent opening is created in the forest. Roadways fragment the forest by cutting into it and providing avenues for non-native plants to penetrate into the interior. Look for one of the most common invasives found along roadways which is Mugwort with its silvery lobed leaves and allergy causing pollen. Many invasive plants produce prolific fruit at a young age that are widely spread by birds, such as Multiflora Rose, Glossy Buckthorn and the Oriental Bittersweet vine. Fortunately there is a positive side to roadways as well, as these sunny open edges are also habitat for native plants like Pussy Willow that provides the first prolific pollen and nectar for bees. Black Cherries bloom and fruit abundantly here. Look for tent caterpillar nests in their branches, which provide protein for birds to raise their young. Several kinds of Blackberries grow here with berries that are enjoyed by birds and people alike. Look for the low arching Bristly Blackberry which has long soft bristles, the tall arching Allegheny Blackberry with its stout prickles, and the bluish canes of Black Raspberry.

Habitat 2 – White Pine-Oak-Beech Forest

As you start up the trail just to the right (west) is a small cluster of Beech mixed with White Pine and Oak. Note the large dead tree trunk with a ring of Beech trees around it, and a

second ring of saplings around them. Beech trees sprout from the root and this colonial expansion is much faster than can be accomplished by seedlings. Many of the stands of Beech you see in the forest are derived from the roots of a single tree. Unlike Oak, Beech is very sensitive to fire, and so its increase in the Fells has been aided by the suppression of forest fires. Climate change may also be playing a part, as total rainfall for New England has increased 5% in the last thirty years. A third factor is that as the forest matures it makes a dense overhead canopy of shade, resulting in the forest becoming cooler and moister. All these factors together create a feedback loop of increasingly moist microclimates favoring Beech and Maple over Oak and Pine.

Habitat 3 - Mixed Oak Forest

The trail begins in a forest of Mixed Oak trees at the base of the north side of Bear Hill, the highest hill in the Fells at 317 feet. Mature Black Birch with its shiny black bark is common among the Oaks here, indicating there had been a fire in this area many years ago, as birches are a pioneer species whose seeds require bare soil for germination. Black Birch is also called Sweet Birch because the twigs taste of wintergreen. Fire favors Oaks which have fire-tolerant bark, and re-sprout from the base if the tops are killed. The Oaks are mature with high crowns that create deep shade and a sparse open understory. Mapleleaf Viburnum grows here with showy white flowers in May and dark blue fruit in Fall, and is one of the commonest woodland shrubs in the Fells. The fruit is a drupe, like cherries, with a fleshy outer coating around a single hard stone containing the seed. In Spring look for the white woodland flowers of Wild Sarsaparilla, Solomon's-seal, Starflower and Mayflower. In the Fall the first two have blue berries, the Twinflower's are white, and the Mayflower's are red. Colonies of White Wood Asters add some late season color to the forest floor.

Habitat 4 - Hemlock-White Pine-Oak Forest

As the trail begins to climb up a steep slope there is a grove of Witch-Hazel shrubs with wide scalloped leaves. Their flowers are the last to bloom in the Fall with four narrow wavy yellow petals. The number of evergreen trees increases quickly as the trail enters Hemlock-White Pine-Oak Forest. Hemlock forests are typical of steep cooler north and east slopes, and this one wraps around the hill following the trail along the east slope. Hemlocks are under attack from the invasive Woolly Adelgid which was introduced from Asia. These insects suck the sap from the tree reducing the food available to it until it dies. Look for the egg sacks which look like a cottony white mass on the branches. Control by spraying pesticides is impractical on a forest scale, but there may be hope from biological controls now being explored. As the Hemlocks die off they are mostly succeeded by the pioneer tree Black Birch, and by Sugar Maple. The soft delicate sprays of fern here are the sweet-smelling Hay-scented Fern. Look for mats of small dark green evergreen leaves that are creeping Partridgeberry. It has sweet-scented paired tubular white flowers in the Summer, followed by red berries with two "eyes," where the flowers grew.

Habitat 5 - Red Oak-Sugar Maple Transition Forest

As you continue along the level trail notice the increase in Sugar Maple trees signifying a shift in the forest composition. Sugar Maples, like Beeches, thrive in the absence of fire. There is a large wind-snapped White Pine tree here that has fallen creating a gap in the forest. As the tree trunk rots it will provide habitat for wood rotting fungi, mosses, insects

and animals. The pile of brush it left provides cover for birds and chipmunks. This new sunny opening will allow the understory saplings of mostly Sugar Maple and a few Red Oaks to grow up rapidly, replacing the evergreen trees. Just beyond the fallen pine is a large dying Hemlock. Looking up into its canopy you can see there is very little green left. As the trail climbs again there are Poison Ivy vines with their three shiny leaves. At the top of the hill the trail passes between Allegheny Blackberry with five leaflets on the left, and Red Raspberry with three leaflets whitened below on the right. Another thorny plant here is Catbrier or Greenbrier, a climbing vine with green branches and large round leaves.

Habitat 6 - Forest Seep Community

The trail now dips down into a hollow with a nice rock seat overlooking it. There is a Forest Seep in the cove here, the extra moisture encouraging a lush growth of ferns like the evergreen Christmas Fern, which provides year-round greenery. Other ferns to look for are Cinnamon Fern with narrow erect cinnamon brown fertile fronds in the Spring, and the graceful Lady Fern, which can be recognized by the deep groove on the upper side of its stem. There are thirty-four Ferns and Fern allies in the Fells, mostly found in shady moist areas, with the exception of Bracken Fern, which grows in dry woodlands. Moist habitats like this are the most common place to find large tall straight Ash trees with their feathery compound leaves. Look for Solomon's-s-Seal with greenish hanging paired flowers followed by blue berries, and False Solomon's-seal with a terminal bunch of white flowers followed by red berries. Climbing out of the seep the forest has a rich mix of large Hemlock, White Pine, Red Oak, Shagbark Hickory, White Ash and Sugar Maple trees. Look for the lavender flowers of Wild Geranium here with its palmately lobed leaves. The creeping vine with five leaflets is Woodbine or Virginia Creeper, a relative of grapes.

Habitat 7 - Hickory-Hop Hornbeam Woodland

At the top of the next rise the trail passes to one side of a sunny habitat where the canopy thins out and the trees are much shorter. The dominant trees are Pignut Hickory with shiny compound leaves and tight blocky bark. Hop Hornbeam growing with them in the understory has curly strips of bark giving them a shaggy dog look. The grassy looking ground cover is Pennsylvania Sedge, the most common sedge in the Fells. The evergreen tree and saplings here are Red Cedar, which is a pioneer species that requires the full sun of open areas. This habitat often occurs on south and east upper slopes just below rock outcrops and summits.

Habitat 8 - Circumneutral Talus Slope

As the path descends into another cove there is a sprawling plant of Bedstraw with eight leaves at each joint, and tiny white flowers. At the bottom of the slope the trail joins an illegal trail and passes along the base of a Circumneutral Talus Slope. The rocks and soil are loose and still moving, making this a naturally disturbed habitat. There are several interesting plants growing here including Bloodroot, Early Buttercup, and Early Saxifrage, and a small tree of Hackberry. Due to the natural disturbance there are also a lot of invasive plants on the slope including Garlic Mustard, Oriental Bittersweet and Black Jetbead, which is a new invasive with large white flowers in the Spring and black berries in the Fall. Look for a large tree with long strips of bark peeling off, this is a Shagbark Hickory.

Habitat 9 - Rich Mesic Forest

At the bottom of the talus slope is a habitat that is dominated by Sugar Maple with Bitternut Hickory, Basswood, Elm, and White Ash trees. This forest typically occurs in east-facing mid-slope coves like this, and have very deep rich topsoils, up to two feet deep here. Leaf litter is mostly absent as the soft Maple leaves decompose rapidly. Look for the ferny leaves and tiny white flowers of Sweet Cicely, and the stiff many-lobed leaves of the related Sanicle. There are three springs beside the trail that create another ferny Forest Seep here. Look for the purple-hooded three-leaved Jack-in-the-Pulpit in Spring, and its spike of red berries in the Fall. Just before the trail turns left there is an American Elm tree with a fluted base and rough serrate leaves. Across the trail from it is a Pagoda Dogwood bush. Unlike all the other Dogwoods this species has alternate leaves. A leaf slowly pulled apart will have silky sap threads connecting the veins. A short distance off the trail up the fire road in the opposite direction there is a giant Bitternut Hickory tree on the left. It is over 90 feet tall, 8 feet around and probably about 200 years old. After over a century of growth without cutting, the Fells is now a complex ecosystem that is self-regulated and self-directed, rather than being managed by humans. As a result there are trees of all age classes with giant trees like this, large snags and downed logs, many mature trees, and even more saplings in gaps. This vertical complexity creates ideal habitat conditions for wildlife, which is very diverse in the Fells as a result.

Habitat 10 - Woodland Vernal Pool

Following the trail down the fire road there is a small Woodland Vernal Pool away to the left, which is fed by the streams that run down into it through the Forest Seep. Vernal pools are the only habitat that salamanders, wood frogs, and fairy shrimp breed in. The salamanders and frogs live in the woodlands surrounding the pool. There are over 100 vernal pools in the Fells making it one of the most important conservation areas for this habitat. In Spring, look for the deep blue flowers of Blue Marsh Violet mingling with the bright yellow flowers of Golden Ragwort.

Habitat 11 - Red Maple Swamp Forest

The outlet stream from the vernal pool meanders through a Red Maple Swamp. There is a very large American Elm tree here with a large fluted base. This buttressing helps anchor the tree as its roots in the wetland are very shallow, staying near the surface to maximize the amount of air available to them. Elms growing on dry soils don't exhibit this trait. Most Elms succumb to Dutch Elm Disease before they get this large. This tree is either resistant to the disease or is isolated enough to have escaped it. Poison Ivy with its three shiny leaflets grows lushly here, both as a low shrub and a vine climbing the trees. Jewelweed, an herb with juicy stems and showy orange flowers also grows in the swamp, and is an antidote to the rash caused by Poison Ivy.

Habitat 12 – Oak Forests

Leaving the fire road the trail goes right (south) and enters a mosaic of Mixed Oak, Oak-Hickory and White Pine – Oak Forest habitats, that grow from here to the Trolley Road. Notice that the Sugar Maple starts to drop out as you move away from the Rich Mesic Forest. The distinction between these habitats is not large, mainly being a matter of the presence or absence of White Pine and Pignut or Shagbark Hickory growing with the Oaks.

Look for delicate drifts of Windflower in the Spring, with their large single white flowers above five-parted leaves. The trail now comes to the old bed of the trolley line left from the days when a trolley ran through the Fells with a stop at the Sheepfold.

Habitat 13 - Pond Community

The trail crosses the end of the trolley road and enters a small hollow on the north end of Dark Hollow Pond. The Beech forest here is protected from fire by growing in this moist area. Beeches are very common along the cool east-facing slopes of the west shore. The pond itself is part of the Mystic River Watershed, as is the entire Fells. Runoff from the highway has resulted in the water being a cloudy greenish color. With only a few intermittent streams feeding the pond there is almost no flushing and so pollutants are concentrated. White and Yellow Water Lilies thrive in the enriched water, as do the submersed strings of feathery-leaved Milfoil. Look for Black Cormorants that fly in from the coast to fish here.

Habitat 14 - Shoreline Community

The shoreline is ringed with patches of the tall invasive Giant Reed Grass which thrives in the saline water caused by road salt. Invasive plants of Gray Willow and Yellow Iris are also common on the shoreline, all of which crowd out the native shrubs of Highbush Blueberry, Sweet Pepperbush, Canadian Shadbush, Swamp Azalea, Fetterbush, and Silky Dogwood. These shrubs with their white flowers provide pollen and nectar for bees, leaves for high-protein caterpillars to eat, which birds use to raise their brood, cover for nests, and berries for mature birds to feed on. The invasive plants provide nothing in the way of food as no native insects eat them, and they make no edible fruit. Halfway along the trail you come out on a sunny rocky promontory with a very scenic view down the length of the pond. Beyond that the trail passes by the bottom of the trolley line Trestle Bridge, which is very impressive seen from below. The trail continues along the west shore with scenic views of the pond all the way to its south end at gate 24.

From: John [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 1:29 AM
To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: Clarification

Hi Paul

Can I get a quick clarification from you. In reference to designating the Virginia Wood trail as pedestrian-only:

-Does that mean just the singletrack in that area, or would that ban bikes from the fireroads too?

-Also when you say Virginia Wood, do you mean the entire rectangle of Fells between Pond St/Woodland Rd/Ravine Rd/Fellsway East? Or is the Virginia Wood subset of that block of land?

Thanks

John
FellsBiker.com

September 27, 2010

Mr. Joe Orfant

Director of Planning and Resource Protection

Department of Conservation and Recreation

251 Causeway Street

Boston, MA 02114

Dear Mr. Orfant:

Thank you for the presentation of the Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation on Monday night, September 20th. This letter seeks clarification of several key differences between what was presented at the meeting and what is contained in the draft that became available on the 21st. We will be providing more detailed responses during the comment period, but we wanted to get clarification quickly to better understand the draft plan. We suggest that clarifications in response to this letter be posted on the DCR web site so the public too can benefit from a better understanding of what changes are proposed at the Fells and the implementation schedule.

We understand and appreciate that DCR has devoted resources and worked hard on this draft, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to improve it and to provide input on the full Resource Management Plan (RMP) slated to begin in November.

We ask that you please clarify in writing the following:

- Will any decisions in the draft Trail Plan or actions proposed therein be taken before the end of the comment period in November?
- Which actions do you anticipate will be implemented after the comment period has ended but before the full RMP is completed?
- How and why was it decided that some issues would be decided through the RMP process and others would be implemented prior to the completion of an RMP?

Specifically, we are confused about the timing indicated in the table that begins on page 46 of the draft and what participants in the public meeting heard on Monday night.

Our understanding based on the presentation was that the draft Trail Plan would be a component of a full RMP and that no significant changes in trail use would be made until that process was completed. However, in response to a question from an attendee at the presentation, Paul indicated that the proposed change to the Reservoir Trail might occur before the RMP is completed. The table in the draft also indicates that other important actions will occur before the planned RMP process is complete—not only for the Reservoir Trail, but for the Dark Hollow Pond route, for the winter closure policy for mountain biking, for areas designated as off-leash for dogs and establishment of a hiking-only area. We believe these are all significant management decisions that would best be decided in the context of the full RMP process along with the many other trail management options outlined in the draft plan's suggested implementation schedule. For the RMP process to be meaningful and credible, these decisions should not be finalized and implemented outside of it.

We agree that implementation measures that would not significantly change the nature of a trail could take place before the RMP process is complete, including increased enforcement, improved signage, creation of trail maps, public education, and closing redundant trails. Thank you for responding to our questions. We appreciate that DCR is dedicating the resources for an RMP for the Middlesex Fells Reservation to help inform decisions at the complex and highly used location. We know that a significant amount of new data on natural resources found in the Fells will be available shortly and should be considered in decisions for changing existing trails or uses.

Sincerely,

Heather Clish

Deputy Director of Conservation

Appalachian Mountain Club

Nancy Goodman

Vice President for Policy

Environmental League of Massachusetts

John J. Clarke

Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

Mass Audubon

James McCaffrey

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Sierra Club, Massachusetts Chapter

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Director of Government Relations

The Trustees of Reservations

cc: Commissioner Rick Sullivan

Paul Jahnige, DCR

Conrad Crawford, DCR

Stephanie Cooper, DCR

From: Mike Ryan [mailto:]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 10:36 AM

To: Crawford, Conrad (DCR)

Subject: conversion of Reservation begins

Conrad,

The sense of disappointment and disillusionment found in the September 27 letter sent by the AMC, TTOR, Sierra Club, and the Environmental League [cc'd to you] stems directly from the assurances made by Commissioner Sullivan in his letter earlier this month sent those groups that the Fells Trails System Plan would essentially remain in draft form until a RMP process had been completed, save for protective measures:

["Enforcement and Conflict Issues"](#)

[You note the importance of addressing enforcement and user conflict issues at the Middlesex Fells now. We agree, and this is precisely why it is important for us to move forward with the Trail System planning process, even in advance of the completion of the](#)

RMP. As you note, addressing these issues at the Fells is important for both resource protection and the recreational experience, and I trust you will see how the recommendations of the Trail System Plan move us forward in this regard.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your comments and participation in this process. I am pleased that we are able to meet your concerns by advancing the timeline for the RMP for the Fells, and also as you suggest, by moving forward with many of the recommendations of the draft trails plan including closure of bootleg trails, signage, education, enforcement and addressing user conflict.”

[Sullivan email to McCaffrey, September 2, 2010]

Instead, the 50 page Plan puts forth an agenda, phased to begin immediately, to convert hiking trails to bike use to “Improve the Mountain Biking Trail User Experience”:

DCR proposals for *conversion* to mountain bike use:

- Reservoir Trail
- Dark Hollow Pond Trail
- Cross Fells Trail
- Crystal Springs Trail

Create *new* mountain bike trails:

- Create three mountain bike trails from Bear Hill Parking area to Sheepfold
- Create mountain bike trail from Flynn Rink to southern end of Spot Pond

The authors of the report deny outright the unique natural qualities of the forest Reservation which have been preserved since the Fells inception in 1894.

Instead of honoring and truly protecting the natural features of the Fells which serve as refuge for foxes, coyotes, scores of vernal pools and a documented 851 plant species including 567 *native* species, providing young and old alike refuge from the world of concrete and machines, the DCR report states that it is imperative to **"Improve the Mountain Biking Trail User Experience"** beginning with the immediate conversion of one of the most family used trails — the Reservoir Trail — into a bike trail.

The report re-frames the Fells Forest Reservation as a "urban park" where solitude is not a value to be expected:

However, the Fells is a popular and heavily used destination. It is not a wilderness area. While users may be able to find moments of solitude in the Fells at certain places, seasons or times of the day, users should not necessarily expect to find solitude in all instances, nor expect that moments of solitude might not be disturbed by other users. [p. 28]

Audubon has classified the Fells as an 'Important Bird Area' [IBA] due to the Reservation's rare setting providing contiguous forest cover serving migrating birds, but to Paul Jahnige, the report's author, the most pressing needs are to begin aggressively converting the

majority of Fells trails into bike trails, beyond the 35 miles of trails already permitted and unimpeded illegal bike use already present.

Note that there is **no enforcement** of **any** of the rules and regulations [pp. 36-37]. Not one word about issuing citations and levying fines for any infractions of Fells regulations. **Not one word about DCR teaming up with the State Police for such enforcement capacity as the SP has stated they are willing and able to do.**

Two seasonal rangers is the sum and substance of the DCR enforcement plan. 'Seasonal' means that at the end of this month these rangers are not present in the Fells any more, **and during the 'season' the rangers have zero enforcement power throughout the 2500 acre Reservation.**

No, according to Jahnige: '**self education**' and '**etiquette**' are offered as solutions in the (continued) absence of enforcement. Bikers laugh at such nonsense. Don't believe me? Review biker posts here: <http://www.nemba.org/forums/showthread.php?26158-DCR-s-Fells-Draft-Plan-is-now-available>

Opening up hiking trails to bikes without enforcement is tantamount to signaling that the *entire* Fells is fair game for bikers, given that **bikers use permitted trails as feeder trails for riding wherever they decide would be more fun.** The stamp of legitimacy will fuel NEMBA to herald the Fells as a new bike mecca and will bring a bold new presence of bikes into all sectors.

The report, and Jahnige's presentation on Sept. 20, repeats the demonstrable lie — verbatim NEMBA propaganda points — that boots and bikes are equal in their impacts on natural features, despite, for example, the obvious fact that bikers can cover exponentially greater distances for any given unit of time. The Trails Plan report denies universal, on-the-ground evidence that the physics of machine use grinds up and widens trails, and that widespread bike use displaces hikers and all other classes of passive visitors from trails. See attachment below.

By caving in to bikers and dog owners demands prior to the RMP process DCR policy makers have poisoned any chance that the ensuing RMP process will be perceived as legitimate or meaningful in any way. Yet it is stated on page 4 of the Trails Plan that, **The Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan is the first such plan undertaken by the agency. It is intended to serve as a template for future trail system plans.**

Any way to salvage the upcoming train wreck which will reverberate from Boston to the Berkshires? Yes: **the Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells RMP is underway.**

Regards,

Mike

PS The lie and myth of right of 'equal access' is based on the demonstrably false claims of 'equal impacts'; I challenge any policy maker at DCR to read the following document and attempt to refute any of its key points.

From: Elizabeth M. Ammons [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 2:53 PM
To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: Re:

Dear Paul Jahnige and colleagues at the DCR,

I am happy to see the draft of the document. Much of it looks really good. My chief concerns, a number of which the document supports, are:

--No night use of the Fells, especially by mountain bikes. It would be far too disruptive to animals who live there.

--No expansion of mountain bike trails. What exists is fine.

--Elimination of bootleg mountain bike trails. It is important to close these so the earth can recover.

--Continuation of the policy of no mountain biking from December through March. Limiting this closure to March only is too short a window to allow the forest a dormant period free from anything but foot and ski use.

--Ranger presence in the Fells so that a friendly reminder exists that the forest is not a free-for-all zone.

--Good clear posting of regulations at the entrances.

I have walked in the Fells for over three decades and seen damage mount, unfortunately, with mountain bike use. Bikers who stay on the approved trails are great. I have no issue with that. But bikers off trail do enormous damage. My hope is that the situation will improve.

thanks--

Liz Ammons

Medford, MA 02155

Dear Commissioner Sullivan and Colleagues,

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the September 20th meeting. The following are my views on the Fells.

I have been running and hiking in the Fells for 38 years. For all this time, I have spent on average 3-5 hours per week in the Fells. Living in the Washington School area of Winchester, I have also been drinking water from the Fells during this period.

During the past several years, essentially everyone flaunts all of the posted rules because there is no enforcement of the rules, no patrolling of the reservoirs. Without resuming the patrols, at least of the restricted areas, I see no hope that new policies or regulations will have any affect at all.

Mountain bikes: They are really tearing up the Fells. Once narrow hiking trails have been widened in places to 30 feet or more, and the trails are full of raised rocks and tree roots because the bikes have torn the soil away. In some places, there is heavy erosion and water bars, bike jumps, etc. have been constructed helter-skelter. The riders often pass me at extreme speed, and where the trails are narrow, I must jump aside, sometimes very quickly. They ride anywhere and everywhere, even on trails there are clear postings that bikes are not allowed. I could go on, but I see no point. I recognize mountain biking as a good sport, and I admire some of the rider. I would like to see them enjoy themselves in the Fells, but request that they be allowed only on trails marked for them. This would, of course, require strict enforcement, and there is absolutely none at present, as far as I have seen.

Dogs: It is very unusual to see a dog on a leash (1 in 50?). Even to see a dog owner carrying a leash is extraordinary (1 in 25?). I have often been charged by dogs (at least once per month), bearing their fangs and barking loudly. Sometimes their master is not even present or is riding by at high speed on a bike. When I can, I ask the person civilly to "please call your dog off." More than half the time, the person is angry at me for making this request. Apparently, some people love their dogs so much, or identify so strongly with them, that my request is an affront. I was severely bitten once in the Fells, and I am afraid of some of the dogs. Meanwhile, I do not appreciate being sniffed, lapped and barked at by even "safe" dogs. Again, I understand the joy that dogs give people, just as I have loved owning cats. But I request that the dogs be leashed, as per the regulations. It would take a lot of enforcement to make that happen because presently the dog owners feel very entitled. Perhaps the thing that disturbs me most is to see dogs swimming in the reservoirs,

which, apart from winter, I see happening at least once a week.

Miscellaneous: On occasion (in order of occurrence and seasonally), I have seen people fishing, swimming, fornicating and on two occasions I saw horseback riders on the road along the east side of the middle reservoir. I have seen a number of parties with fires, and know of several active fire pits, adjacent to the reservoirs. I will admit that I walk off the trails (I have been mapping the stone walls), and during the past couple of years, I have found three camps of apparently homeless people, who have spent weeks or many months living deep in the Fells.

The Fells parkland has been seriously degraded in recent years, especially since the policing of the reservoir land ceased. Absolutely no notice is taken of the many posted signs, as far as I can tell.

The Fells is in trouble. It will take a lot of commitment to turn things around. I wish you the very best in your stewardship of this magnificent resource, which must be the envy of any major city in this country.

Sincerely,

Jeff McClintock

Winchester, MA 01890

Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

I'm very concerned about the proposed changes to the use of the Middlesex Fells and I am writing to urge you to make sure the review process for any changes is completed in accordance with state law.

As you are no doubt aware, the Fells is a fantastic resource for a wide range of community members--families with children, runners, bikers, birders, hikers, etc. I believe strongly that the Fells needs to continue to serve this broad constituency and not become a mountain bike park. I use the Fells for all of the above purposes, including mountain biking, but I don't want people biking around me as I enjoy a leisurely walk or try to see some wildlife, or as I admire the lady's slipper orchids blooming in the spring. It is important to thoughtfully plan and manage trails in the Fells to make sure it serves all constituencies and is preserved for future generations.

Please do everything you can to ensure that any proposed changes to the Fells go through the review process that is state law.

I understand that budgets are tight, but the Fells desperately needs more funding and management from the DCR. It is hugely underfunded and should be made a higher priority.

Sincerely,
Jeana McNeil

Melrose MA 02176

From: Cory Mann [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:41 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trails & Access for Bikers

I am very concerned about the potential impact of bikers on the Fells trails. I have biked there myself, and am glad that certain of the wider trails are open to bikes, but would not like to see the smaller, more remote trails opened to bikes. The damage to the trails and impact on the surrounding wildlife could be devastating. I urge you to do a complete and thorough review of this issue before changing the access rules.

Thank you,

Cory Mann
[REDACTED] Wakefield, MA 01880

From: Hanlon, William Barry [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells mountain bike park?

Hello Mr Sullivan,
I enjoy a good bike ride and I also enjoy a peaceful, quiet walk in the woods with my dog. As I get older, more of the later. Please keep these activities segregated and keep the Fells safe for hikers. There are plenty of legal bike trails there already. Please don't turn the Fells into a mountain bike park, grind up the landscape and drive out all the hikers. That would be just awful.

Thank you for your attention.
Bill Hanlon
Melrose MA

From: Ann Easterbrooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:34 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

I am writing with concern about the process (and potential outcome) of the decision-making about the Middlesex Fells. In order to preserve the natural wilderness it is important to maintain the majority of trails as footpaths rather than allow access to mountain bikers. On numerous occasions, while walking in the Fells I have come across bikers who are traveling at the edges of the trails, thus widening them from the narrow tracks, and destroying the natural habitat. There are many miles of trails in the Fells already designated as available to mt. bikes. These are trails that I try to avoid, as it is very unsettling (at the very least, and dangerous at the most) to suddenly encounter bikers traveling (typically at high speeds) without regard to potential pedestrians. Please preserve the trails that remain open to foot traffic for the majority of the public, who are looking for an authentic way to experience our natural habitat.

Thank you,
Ann Easterbrooks
Melrose MA

From: Joan Weaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: No Mountain Bikes in Fells Forest Reservation !!

I find it reprehensible that you would consider allowing ANY mountain biking in Fells Forest Reservation Park!!

I have been a hiker and backpacker for many years. In my experience, mountain bikers care not about the quiet beauty of any place . . . they are after the challenge, and thrill. Too often, I have witnessed, that this thrill-seeking comes in the form of cutting down trees, laying them across trails, and creating a ramp/jump for more thrills. This is only one negative facet.

Mountain bikers very often come zooming down narrow, or single-track, trails which might be populated by people on foot, or wildlife, who have no time to move out of the way. A friend of mine was left with a broken collar bone, and the mountain biker apologized, saying "I thought you were a kid." She was at the back of the line of hikers, and couldn't jump out of the way fast enough.

The noise of these mechanical devices is enough to scare wildlife away from their own habitat! And, it is all too common that we see trails "cut" by bicycles, crossing the existing switchback trail in order to exaggerate the biker's downhill thrills – destroying vegetation and causing erosion.

Oh yes, erosion. As the mountain bikers careen around corners, the compacted soil becomes loose, and grooves form, making for certain erosion when the rains come. This

also happens on up-hill and down-hill portions of trails because of the wheel-spinning and braking actions of the bikes.

Mountain bikers have the same rights to enter these pristine areas on foot, as the rest of us. I advocate for the plants, wildlife, and peace, and serenity of all.

Please ban mountain biking in ALL parks, and wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joan S Weaver
Chatsworth, CA 91311

From: Daniel Jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 5:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Middlesex Fells trails policy

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write to express my grave concern over the proposed changes to trail policy in the Middlesex Fells that would allow mountain bikes on the current hiking trails. As a frequent user of the Fells both as a hiker and a biker, I greatly appreciate the current distinction between the two categories of trails. Allowing bikes on hiking trails would disrupt the calm that people seek on those trails. Hiking the Fells is a precious mini-wilderness adventure easily accessible to our urban/suburban population. I brought up my kids hiking and biking the Fells, and they emerged with a love of the outdoors. There are plenty of biking trails in the Fells, including a very challenging loop trail. The hiking trails should be preserved for hikers. In any case, there should be no consideration of changes in Fells trails access policy until a Fells Resource Management Plan is completed as required by Mass General Law.

Thank you for considering my concern.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Jacob

Medford, MA 02155

From: Mike Vandeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 1:07 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation

Bicycles and other large pieces of machinery are extremely destructive to nature and should be restricted to pavement. Please don't fall for the mountain bikers' propaganda!

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1994: <http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande/mtb10> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande/scb7>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

For more information: <http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande/mtbfaq> .

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I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!

Mike Vandeman
California

From: Monica Craver [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Mike Ryan
Subject: Fells Trail Plan Comments
Dear Fells Trail Planners:

The DCR Plan is beginning to sound a lot like our District of North Vancouver (DNV), BC Canada "plan" for mountain biking on our Mount Fromme forest and park. Let me just say this: ***It does not work!*** The Friends of Fell have stated it well what the problem is with your planning process:

"Despite assurances to the contrary to elected officials and environmental groups by Commissioner Sullivan, on September 21 the DCR released a [plan](#) proposing immediate conversion of Fells Reservation hiking trails to mountain bike use, prior to the beginning of a Resource Management Plan process."

This would be a very unwise move by the DCR authorities. A very similar (and very undemocratic) thing happened with our own District's plan. This move alone by any public land authorities ultimately makes for a mockery of democratic public process, while giving too much power to just one self interest group/stakeholder.

Our own District's (DNV) unfair and biased public process turned into a literal "free for all" for mountain bikers, effectively shutting out every other stakeholder over the "plan". Now we have to deal with the aggressive entitlement of mountain bikers who we will not be able to remove from the area, any time soon. **The damage to our trails, watersheds and overall "Natural Capital" is almost complete!**

Don't fall for the same ruse of the bikers because they are so vocal and pushy. They have also taken over our once peaceable adjacent neighbourhoods, out here. Our fate has become the sad legacy of our "mountain biking" Mayor, Richard Walton, who was also a long-time director/founder of the now-defunct "World Mountain Biking Conference". Environmental assessments have been completely ignored in order to appease the aggressive mountain bikers. Perhaps the non-mountain biking citizenry have also been too complacent about it. Nobody likes aggressive confrontation from any self-interest group (like the 5 to 6% population who mountain bike -- similar to the percentage of people who ski and snowboard, according to recreational surveys in past years)

"Our" mountain bikers brag, without fear, about many of their continuing illegal activities. Sanctioning their trails, does not stop illegal ones from being built... They have made a monkey out of our most complying District. DNV is now the "laughing stock" of the mountain biking world -- **and that alone should be a warning to those public landowners who are aiding and**

abetting mountain biking, ahead of proper and democratic public process! The more you reward bad behaviour, the worse it becomes.

The DCR's proposal to give something to the mountain bikers ahead of public process **would be a very bad move**, and give mountain bikers more power than they deserve. You can only give mountain bikers more power by working for them. The more you do this, the more likely these free wheelers will demand even more. Their appetite for trails and riding is insatiable.

The clout and money this sport has should make public landowners point it in the direction to purchase their own private property/recreational resorts to rip and shred on. **Mountain biking is a rich sport! They do not "need" our free public lands.** Plus, mountain biking activities just end up commercializing and privatizing our public forests and parkland, etc. **Just like skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking needs to be strictly contained where revenue can be collected, with amenities, and where mountain bikers will do no more environmental damage.** Thank you.

Monica Craver

North Vancouver, BC Canada

From: Jeana McNeil [jeanamcneil@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 10:07 PM
To: Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: Concerned citizen re: Middlesex Fells

Hi Paul,

Thank you for directing me to the Trail System Plan. I am glad to see that a comprehensive planning process is underway, and I can appreciate the challenges associated with putting together such a plan.

That said, I am VERY concerned about several items in the plan's recommendations:

On page 45 of the plan it states:

- Evaluate, through the RMP process, designating all or some portions of the Cross Fells and Crystal Springs Trails as a multiuse trails.
- Evaluate, through the RMP process, designating all official trails other than the Skyline and Rock Circuit as multi-use trails.

On page 47 of the plan it states: Change the Winter Closure Policy for Mountain Biking to March 1 to April 15 or as Conditions Warrant.

These proposed changes are absurd and must not be allowed to happen. I use the Fells for multiple purposes and like to mountain bike there but I do not support these changes at all. The idea of designating ALL official trails other than a few as multi-use trails is completely

ridiculous and skews the usage of the Fells toward a specific interest group, and will negatively impact other users.

Please include my feedback in the future consideration and planning for the Fells.

Sincerely,
Jeana McNeil

From: Theron Hermann [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 9:34 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Please restrict bike use in the Fells to current trails

Theron Hermann
Arlington MA 02474

From: Mara Factor [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 1:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Protect the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Please protect the Middlesex Fells Reservation by preventing bicyclists from overrunning the area.

While I understand that the NEMBA does contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the trails in the Fells, allowing mountain bikes on more trails in the Fells will degrade not only the trails, but the trails experience that the majority of users, those on foot, have.

As both a bicyclist and hiker, I feel it is imperative to have a bicycle-free system of trails in the area. Even now, where trails converge and bicyclists and hikers must share sections of trails, I find, whether intentional or not, that bicyclists can come up on hikers fast enough to scare hikers. In attempts to avoid hikers, I have seen bicyclists crash because they weren't in control and otherwise able to yield to hikers.

Even now, some bicyclists do ride on trails designated only for hikers. When in groups, they clog the trails at difficult sections as they wait for each rider to go one-by-one along such sections. Passing a group of cyclists while hiking in the Fells is not my idea of a pleasant hiking experience. Even when riding as individuals, I've had to stop hiking to wait for a bicyclist ahead of me, going in the same direction as me, to get past a rough spot. I've never had to stop while waiting to pass other hikers.

Please also consider that bicyclists are more likely to be "joiners" who band together in groups such as the NEMBA who can put more pressure on decision making entities than individuals. Hikers and walkers are often much more independent and are much less likely

to join such groups as Friends of the Fells. Most people hiking in the Fells probably have no idea that there's a movement for bicyclists to gain more access.

As for eliminating the ban on bicycles in the spring, if anything, the ban should be extended. Any time during the year, after heavy rains when there is a lot of standing water on the trail, bicycling should be restricted. In some cases, it may even be appropriate to limit hikers' access to the trails.

I appreciate your consideration as you continue to make long-term plans for the Fells.

Thank you,

Mara Factor

From: Ivey St. John
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Letter responding to DCR Trails Plan

Here is my comment letter.

Dear Commissioner:

October 1st, 2010

I have read with care the 2010 Trail System Plan published by DCR. I visit the Fells trails steadily all spring, summer and fall, and have done so for over 30 years. I have watched while DCR staff and resources have been reduced and then reduced more, and I confess I am very skeptical that any "Trail Plan" can be implemented.

The partially felled and downed trees and the debris laden floor of the Fells forests are an invitation to serious accidents and, as this summer made clear, to fire set by vandals. A single tree downed and blocking the path at Long Pond has been lying unattended for over two weeks, through no fault of the Fells staff.....there are not enough hours in the day for them to resolve all the problems in their area of responsibility. I do not see too limited staff resources changing.

Winchester, in the last 18 months to two years, has been allowing public use of their trails, and although the town has a part time trail monitor, only swimming by dogs and humans seem to be the target of enforcement. I would suggest that the Winchester Waterworks are a fifth stewardship partner for DCR, as the Winchester monitor is the only regular staff person present in the Fells, and it is Winchester's Fire Department which gets called in emergencies.

The Trail Plan on paper seems well thought out and fair minded. Trail closure, etiquette enforcement, and improved signage and mapping are all commendable. Enforcing hiking only trail rules is critical, however, I disagree strongly with the mixed use concept for the

Orange trail. Multi-use sharing does not work, except on the broad fire roads. Suggesting pedestrians and bikers share the Orange Trail simply perpetuates the current bad chemistry between the two groups.

Finally, I urgently request that signs set up by DCR encouraging dog owners to pick up their dogs waste be replaced with pick up and take out signs. Too many owners are picking up and leaving full pet waste bags trail side for others to take out. Please, remove those signs and replace with signs saying "Please pick up and take out dog waste."

Thank you,

Ivey St John

CC FOF Mike Ryan, Jack Murray, Dep. Commissioner

From:

Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 10:22 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: comments on fells meeting

Dear Mr Jahnige,

I want to thank you for an excellent meeting.

I will comment on section 6.9 as a mountain biker and neighbor to the fells.

I agree with all the steps under the implementation of the dark hollow proposal. This is a far better use of the property. I think you made an excellent proposal and suggest the same theme through out the Fells

I agree with designating the Reservoir trail as multi use. The site lines are far enough and stakeholders can help maintain the area.

I agree with the rock circuit trail as hiker only

The sky line trail near Wrights tower does not offer long enough sight lines for multi use. Although there are a several other portions of this trail that do and could be acceptable multi use.

Adding the cross fells and crystal springs make sense. I would add that Lawrence woods is a blank slate that should be opened to biking with NEMBA stakeholders designing a sustainable trail through this area. Sight lines are good, there are very few hikers and is an under utilized portion of the Fells.

I agree with the March mud rule closing/ and no after hours biking or hiking.

Additional comments/ contrast to the proposal

I don't understand Virginia woods being off limits that would appear to block off a major portion of the fells. Can a sustainable work around trail be implemented. Just a single line through this area would all that would be needed

Adding a trail around spot pond would free up a loop for walkers. Lake Quaanapowitt in Wakefield is a great example of people enjoying a loop walk. Please add this to the agenda for future improvement. I think it would also bring more people to the Zoo and Dock area and increased foot traffic and good exposure for DCR.

I agree with yield triangle as a simple way for all to use appropriate behavior and make Friend of the Fells people realize it is not illegal to enjoy single track trails.

I think "pedestrian only Sunday" is a horrible idea, unenforceable, confusing and worse than the current no biker mentality. And for someone that works all week to have 50% of their available time withdraw from use is a bad idea.

Thank you again for your time.

Jerry McQuaid

From: Jason Messier [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2010 10:45 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Comment from a concerned user of the Fells

To whom it may concern:

I want to implore you not to extend the number of trails that allow biking in the Fells. I have been an avid trail runner, hiker, and walker in the Fells for 4 years now, averaging over 3 visits per week. I have a fair bit of experience in interacting with bikers and non-bikers within the park. I love the Fells so much that I bought my first house within walking distance of the Fells just 3 months ago.

My concern about extending the biking trails is based on the safety of all users of the Fells - hikers, runners and bikers. I have witnessed many instances where the mixed use of trails have ranged from inappropriate to dangerous behavior on the part of bikers. I have observed the tension that exists between hikers/trail runners and bikers on the small portion of trails that allow them to coexist currently. Examples of incidents range from being concerned for my safety when out of control bikers going at very high speeds pass within several feet of me, to commonly observing bikers using trails on which biking is prohibited and dangerous, to occasionally being forced to dive into the woods to avoid

particularly aggressive bikers, and finally to being verbally physically threatened by aggressive bikers on rare occasion.

From a safety perspective, the majority of the rougher trails in the Fells (Sky line, Reservoir, Cross Fells, Rock Circuit, etc) are not wide enough and visibility is not sufficient for hikers and trail runners to coexist with bikers, given the the velocity at which many mountain bikers routinely move on the hilly, rocky terrain. In addition, the quality of the Fells experience will be significantly diminished for many of us if bikers become as common as they are in many other parks that don't restrict biking.

Another concern is the common occurrence of people walking their dogs without leashes. Two points arise from this: 1) rangers without citation authority are incapable of preventing illegal use of the Fells, whether dogs that aren't on leashes or bikers that shouldn't be on trails or are downright dangerous in their use of the trails, and 2) dogs without leashes and high speed bikers on low visibility, steep, and curvy trails are a very unsafe combination, for both dogs and bikers.

No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jason Messier

From: Sbuttoni, Linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 12:54 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

I urge you to leave the Fells Trails System Plan in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

I grew up in Medford and have been hiking the Fells since I was little and continue to hike there along with mine and other hiking groups. The Fells is a gem for hikers of all abilities.

Thank you
Linda Sbuttoni

From: Holden, Patrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 2:58 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Bike Trails

As a biker myself, I am concerned about the Fells Trails being used for Biking.

I tend to stay out of the woods when riding, so I am biased here, but it is because of what I have seen.

I believe, by observation of being on the walking side and the riding side of the fence, that many bikers tend to be dangerous and have a lack of courtesy to walking people.

Then don't want to slow down when coming upon walking people, that's part of biking how fast and acrobatically can I be.

I am extremely cautious around people when I ride, though on occasion I literally have been used as a pylon by passing bikers when walking.

I hope I am wrong, but I believe there will be injuries as a result of any decision that opens the Fells up to Bikers.

And destruction, do you think bikers really care about the woods as a walking person does.

Patrick J. Holden

Harvard Clinical Research Institute
Boston, MA 02215

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Shannan Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail Plan

Dear Fellstrail Committee,

> I just read your proposed trail plan for the Middlesex Fells and wish to make a few short comments about it:

> 1) I am very encouraged that you have produced this plan, I think overall it is excellent and look forward to the implementation of it.

> 2) I strongly support your proposal to improve the amount of single track available to mountain bikers by making other trails multi-use.

> 3) I strongly support your proposal to allow off leash dogs at sheep fold.

> 4) Simplifying the trail network by closing off a lot of the dead end trails, or 'spider network' trails will make navigating the trail network a lot easier.

> 5) Good maps provided by the DCR will be a significant improvement. The maps you posted showing the trail system on the trail plan section of the web site are excellent and far better than any of the maps I was able to find on the DCR web site up till this point:

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<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/materials/greenwaystrails/mapEmidfells.pdf>

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> 6) When creating maps and improving signage I have found the system used at Lynn Woods where each trail intersection is numbered so if you need to find where you are you just look for the same number on the map to be excellent. Introducing a similar system in the Fells would significantly help navigation.

> 7) About parking, at the Marjam entrance to the Fells could the signage be improved to clearly indicate where parking is allowed as I understand that Marjam owns the parking area where I see quite a few Fells users commonly parking, sometimes Marjam has these cars removed, and I think the people in question simply do not know they should not be parking here.

> 8) I liked your diplomatic handling of FOF vs NEMBA issue. I am a strong mountain biking advocate but that does not mean I do not also love walking in the Fells and want to protect it for my children. I really hope that FOF will accept these changes and allow us (NEMBA) to work with them to improve the Fells for everyone. I am encouraged by your leadership on this trail plan, and am hopeful that with this continued leadership you will get all stakeholders working for the greater good.

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> I am an active Fells users who is often found hiking with my kids, walking my dog, riding my bike in the Fells. I moved to Melrose specifically because it was close to the Fells. It is a fantastic natural resource.

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> Please keep up this excellent work, it is great to see that the DCR is actively working to improve the Fells and I wish you the best of luck.

>

> Shannan Hanson

> Melrose MA

From: Thurman Smith [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:04 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Bike Park idea

I oppose strongly any change to usage of the Fells.

Natural features will be destroyed throughout the Fells.

The biodiversity of birds, wildlife and plants will be threatened

Visitors' ability to safely and quietly enjoy nature will be jeopardized. DCR presents no means to enforce protection of Priority Natural Communities, Rare and Endangered Species & Habitats, water quality, Vernal Pools, from bike riders riding wherever they choose; DCR proposes no enforcement to preclude the new bike riding influxes from creating the "dense trail networks (which) can disrupt breeding birds, create lethal barriers to amphibian movement, and compact forest soils, among other impacts to general biodiversity. No

no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the Resource Management Plan process is completed.

Thurman L. Smith

Malden, MA 02148

From: Susan Fineran [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Resource Management Plan

TO: DCR Commissioner Sullivan,

As frequent hikers in the Middlesex Fells and as Medford residents who live across the street from this beautiful resource, we feel strongly that there should be no consideration of changes in the Fells trails access policy until a Fells Resource Management Plan is completed as required by Mass General Law. This recreational area is already under resourced and allowing all of the trails to be used by bikers will only contribute to more deterioration and destruction of wild habitat. Due to already thin resources for patrolling, we continue to have problems with drinking and partying in the fells including bonfires. Please conduct a Fells Resource Management Plan so that we can determine the best way to preserve and protect this beautiful resource for everyone to enjoy. The Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

Susan Fineran and Craig Herb

Medford, MA 02155

From: Tara Holmes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:12 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: The Fells Reservation

Hello,

I am a resident of Cambridge who has enjoyed the pristine, natural beauty of the Fells for years. I am very concerned however about the proposed mountain biking trail and would like to express my belief that this proposal shouldn't come to fruition. Too often natural places, which are rarer and rarer to come by, are developed. Please re-review this proposal and ensure, at the very least, that the RMP process is completed before making any further decision.

Let's keep the Fells as what it should be and has been - a reservation.

Thank you,
Tara Holmes

From: Carol Wilkinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR:

I wish to respectfully submit a request to keep the Middlesex Fells open to hikers/walkers and to limit the use by mountain bikers. I frequent the Middlesex Fells and really love walking around it. Please keep it a safe and wonderful place for walkers and hikers and for families with small children. Often the peacefulness and enjoyment of the trails is reduced by mountain bikers who come up fast behind people on trails which are clearly marked for hiking only. Or mountain bikers go into areas of the Fells clearly marked as off-limits.

Additionally, there is so little protected land near Boston which can sustain a variety of animal life except for places like the Middlesex Fells. These small protected areas are the only space the animals have without being forced out onto the roads and the only place local children can be exposed to the wonders of nature. Small groups of hikers do not harm the trails or disturb animal life but large groups of mountain bikers tearing up the trails and being loud do disturb every life form. Please keep the Fells a beautiful sanctuary for the nature lovers in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Wilkinson
Winchester, MA 01890

From: Brian McBride [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Children's Nature Group has concerns about Fells Plan

I'm the founder of a group called Bay State Kids Outdoors. For the past year, we've taken groups of children and parents into the woods and fields of Massachusetts. We've run over 50 trips and logged over 1000 hours of Kid/Nature time. Visit our website www.bsko.org to see our mission and activities.

This summer I stopped taking my group to Sheepfold at the Fells. We had a really stressfull hike to the tower with loose dogs and careless bike riders. We didn't want to expose kids to that again.

So we tried Long Pond in September. It was a nice hike. But honestly, I told two of my regular families they might want to skip the hike as their kids don't like loose dogs. Sure enough none of the or so 7 dog we saw were on leash. And as we stood near the overlook of the pond, two off leash yellow labs came bounding down the trail into the water. Thank God no kids we knocked in.

This isn't theoretical. The Fells is a gem. Truly. But the Fells Management needs to decide if it wants kids and families to visit. If the state continues to wink at reckless dog ownership and free for all bikers we'll stop going. We have cars and can go where we please. My sympathy rests with those who can't drive to NH and who count on the Fells for easy access to nature.

Sincerely,

Brian McBride
BSKO

From:
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:39 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: keep bikes off of Fells trails

To Whom It May Concern --

It is imperative to our human and natural community that the Fells trails remain clear of bikes. Besides the fact that the Fells has been a sanctuary for so many of us who love to walk there, it is also home to so many species of plants and animals. Introducing bikes onto those trails is destroying an environment, a sanctuary, and a home. There are plenty of other places for people to bike. The Fells is a unique and wonderful part of our region. Please, please, please -- consider the long and short-term ramifications of this decision. It is huge.

Thank you,

Debra Bluth
Cambridge, MA

From: David & Paula Luciano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Gina Luciano; Eric Luciano
Subject: Fells Reservation -- adding bike paths

I am in favor of the proposed changes, adding mt bike paths and improving the trails. I enjoy using the Fellsway and take frequent walks thru the area. I also appreciate

broadening the recreational use of the area. I favor adding both double track as well as single track trails. If the funds were available, I'd also favor adding boardwalks around ponds, for walkers and bikers alike.

David & Paula Luciano

From: Ted Siegan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:43 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Mountain bikes in Fells

Any change in public use at DCR reservations should take into consideration the core mission of the Agency; preserve and protect the Natural Resources. In other words, conservation comes before recreation.

As a former board member of FOF(1990), old friend of Mary Bietel, Jim Comeau, Rene Moran, and Chip Norton I am familiar with the pressure of user groups for increased access to Agency properties.

People who come to the Fells for quiet enjoyment are not the most focal user group. Their enjoyment is compromised by biking in the Fells.

I suggest that a Natural Resource Management Plan should be done BEFORE increasing or even permitting to increase threats to the habitat and other users.

Thank you.

Ted Siegan

From: Leslie Kramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 4:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Use

To the DCR:

I am writing again to the DCR to express grave concern for your plan to convert a state reservation- for which I pay top tax dollars as a Massachusetts citizen - to a mountain biking park. What can possibly be the reasoning?

I cannot tell you how many times I've almost been run over by a mountain biker bent on cycling through what used to be a quiet nature reserve for children and families, school groups and seniors. As a 35 - year resident of Medford, an avid bird-watcher, naturalist, parent, and teacher, I understand multiple use spaces, and I can tell you that mountain-biking does not belong in an urban reservation. The Middlesex Fells is desperately needed by its local citizens, who range in age from infants in backpacks and strollers, to older visitors who cannot always hear the cyclists approaching, let alone dodge them.

I appeal to the DCR to pay attention to the lobby-less residents of Medford and environs, who have safely visited the Fells for generations, to observe the landscape and wildlife, undisturbed by encroaching mountain bikers, who have a powerful, well-funded lobby. Do not give away this urban jewel.

No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Respectfully,

Leslie F. Kramer

Medford, MA 02155

From: carla palau [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 4:34 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Mountain bike use for the fells

To whom it may concern,

I was very dismayed to hear that some organization wants to turn the Fells into a mountain bike recreation area. My husband and I have walked through the Fells on many occasions and we have enjoyed the relative quiet that we find there, away from the loud city. It really is pleasant, at all times of the year. I can't imagine, what it would be like to have mountain bikes whooshing by us during our restful interlude.

Is there any way, that you could have a separate area for mountain bikers and another one just for walkers? It seems unfair to combine the two, since the needs of both, are so different. A child could get hurt....and it would certainly curtail our use in the future.

Please consider the alternatives before you take this drastic measure.

Thank you for your time.

Carla Palau and James McIntyre
Medford, Ma

From:
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 4:43 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Carolyn A. Mackey member

I am in compliance with the Fells about no mountain bikes should be allowed. The disturbance would be too great. Bikes and hikes do not work out for trails.

Carolyn A. Mackey

From: Kathy Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 5:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Mountain Biking in the Fells

I don't have much of a problem with allowing mountain biking in The Fells. However, the Friends of the Middlesex Fells are reporting that every single trail will be allowed for mountain biking. I can't really believe that this would be allowed.

I am in favor of allowing mountain biking on certain trails, as long as there are still a number of hiking-only trails.

My problem with The Fells is that dogs are all over off-leash, and swimming in the reservoir. This, I think is, in a way, worse for wildlife -- having them off-leash.

Kathy

From: Barry Goldstein [barry_goldstein@post.harvard.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 6:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: the Fells Trails System Plan

I certainly hope that the proposal for the Fells Trails System Plan (as described below) is reversible. Bikes are already found on trails where they're not allowed, and they are erosive on the trails and often a rude danger to foot-goers. This would certainly be a revolting development.

BG

[From Friends of the Middlesex Fells Communication]
"DCR planning to convert the Fells Reservation into a mountain bike park.
Please help stop this plan.
Don't let the nature of the Fells be lost!"

DCR Fells Trails Plan re-frames the Fells Forest Reservation as an "urban recreation park"

On September 21, DCR released a Fells Trails Plan with the agenda of beginning to convert Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use. This would change the Reservation forever.

Natural features will be destroyed throughout the Fells
The biodiversity of birds, wildlife and plants will be threatened
Visitors' ability to safely and quietly enjoy nature will be jeopardized

DCR proposes conversion of these Fells hiking trails to mountain bike use:
Reservoir Trail - Dark Hollow Pond Trail - 'Sections' of Cross Fells Trail and
Crystal Springs Trail – And conversion of nearly all the rest of hiking trails to bike use in the
near future

DCR Proposes creating new mountain bike trails through undisturbed woodlands:
Create three mountain bike trails from Bear Hill to Sheepfold

DCR proposes no effective enforcement of any of Fells rules and regulations:
No citations and levying fines for infractions of Fells regulations
No teaming up with the State Police who are willing and able to assist DCR Rangers enforce
regulations to protect natural resources and safety of visitors
Just 'two seasonal rangers' with zero enforcement power can't police 2500 acres
DCR presents no means to enforce protection of Priority Natural Communities, Rare and
Endangered Species & Habitats, water quality, Vernal Pools, from bike riders riding
wherever they choose; DCR proposes no enforcement to preclude the new bike riding
influxes from creating the "dense trail networks (which) can disrupt breeding birds, create
lethal barriers to amphibian movement, and compact forest soils, among other impacts to
general biodiversity." [Lynn Harper Habitat Protection Specialist Massachusetts Natural
Heritage & Endangered Species Program; Fells Trails Plan Appendix F]"

From:
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 6:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Bike trails

I am opposed to the bike trail plans for the Middlesex Fells. Please vote against it in the
present form.
Thank you.

Betsey

From: Jim Farmelant [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 7:01 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail Plan

As citizens of Medford and neighbors of the Fells, we ask that the Fells Trails System Plan
remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

The Fells should continue to serve as a Reservation - an area where nature is appreciated and protected for visitor enjoyment. Converting Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use would change the Reservation forever.

Natural features will be destroyed throughout the Fells
The biodiversity of birds, wildlife and plants will be threatened
Visitors' ability to safely and quietly enjoy nature will be jeopardized
No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you,
Debra Farmelant
James Farmelant
Diane Farmelant

From: janet polcaro [jpandrp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 7:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: fells resource managment plan

Dear Fellstrail committee,
I urge you to leave the Fells Trail System plan in draft form while the Fells Resource Managment Plan is in process, so that the fells Reservation has the utmost consideration to remain a pristine area, with minimum biking.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Janet Agostino Polcaro and family (neighbors of the Fells for 63 years)

From: Jonathan Baxter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 8:01 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Fells hiking and mountain biking

It has come to my attention that the DCR is considering changes to the Fells management policy that would open more trails to mountain bikers.

As a frequent hiker of the Fells trails, I can speak to the importance of keeping some separation between bikers and hikers. In families with small children, like mine, sharing narrow trails with mountain bikers is not realistic.

I think mountain biking is a great sport. But please do not promote it at the expense of hikers.

Thank you,

Jonathan Baxter
Medford, MA

From: maryanna foskett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 9:34 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Hiking Trails

Dear Madam or Sir:

Please do not expand the number of trails that mountain bikers are allowed to use. The disturbance to wildlife and plantlife would be enormous and extremely detrimental.

At the very least, a Fells Resource Management Plan must be undertaken and approved before any small or drastic changes are allowed to take place. The Resource Protection process is an important one. Please let it happen. And please let people know that habitat and open space is being threatened so that they are given an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Very truly yours,

MaryAnna Foskett
Arlington, MA 02476-8005

From: Anne McClintock [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:06 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: KEEP BIKES OUT OF THE FELLS

Please do not destroy the Fells Reservation!! Bike paths and bikers will kill precious plants and wildlife!! We must preserve the Fells Reservation to help preserve biodiversity and to keep a place where families can walk and hike in peace, without the threat of children and adults being injured by thrill-seeking bikers.

As required by law, the Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan is prepared and reviewed.

Sincerely,

Anne McClintock

From: The Morans [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation proposed changes to Trails Plan

To whom it may concern:

Why is it that we have to turn every last piece of natural land into a human playground? Who advocates for the woodland creatures, and the natural flora and fauna, who call the last few dwindling urban oases of forest and grassland home? I am amazed that the DCR is considering turning several of the walking trails in the Fells Reservation into biking trails. Do they honestly believe that bikers grinding their way through these woodland areas will have no adverse impact on the area? Further, why should the wants and desires of those who want to race bikes through the woods take precedence over the desires of countless other folks who value these same trails for the quiet solitude of walking in a forested area?

The Fells Reservation is a jewel in this heavily congested region of bedroom communities. We all have a duty to make sure that the Fells Reservation and its ecosystems are protected, and at the very least, careful study of the impact of a proposed use such as allowing mountain bikes to traverse the trails should be conducted...publicly. There should also be an opportunity for those of us who value a lower and quieter impact use of the trails to be heard.

I am writing to urge the DCR to halt implementation of the proposed Fells Trails System Plan in place until there has been an adequate study of the impact of allowing mountain bikes to use the trails and until there has been an opportunity for all users of the Reservation to express their opinions and concerns.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Maia Moran
Melrose, MA

From: Matt Gage [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please consider biodiversity in the Fells

To whom it may concern,

Please consider the tenuous nature of the Middlesex Fells as a preserve for biodiversity. I am a biology graduate student at the University of Massachusetts Boston and have conducted research on the distribution of amphibians in the Fells. I believe that the Fells is a great asset to the people of the Boston area and should be protected for future generations, therefore strict enforcement of the park rules is critical in this heavily used reservation. An increase in trails and bike traffic in the reservation will adversely affect wildlife by increasing noise; trail erosion and further fragmenting natural habitats. Please - no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you, Matthew Gage

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells No Bikes

Dear Park Planners,
As a Melrose resident who LOVES walking in the Fell area of Melrose, Stoneham, and Winchester, I am opposed to the proposed plan to extend the use of bicycles.

A recent Boston Globe article painted those of us who LOVE the fells for walking are somehow out of touch with reality. It implied that we were snobs. It implied that we wanted the Fells for ourselves. But "ourselves" is all of us. It is a public park, open to all.

We love beauty. We love preserving beauty.
We love nature. We love preserving nature.

That is your job as well.

Preserve beauty. Preserve nature.
Say no to extended bike use.

William R. Page, Jr.

Melrose, MA 02176

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:48 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Mountain Bike Trails

As a non-paid caretaker of Wrights Pond Park in the Fells for the last 30 years, I am appalled by the increase of abuses of hiking/walking trails by ignorant mountain bikers. They careen over rocks, muddy trails and gouge non-trails upsetting the environment of the Fells. I have enjoyed the Fells over 60 years. My Mom was a girl scout leader and we hiked the Sheepfold where soapbox derbies were held in the 50's. I've cross-countried skied on the trails off South Border Road. I've skated at Long Pond and Wrights Pond where we have fishing in the winter. We stocked the Pond with bass years ago. You'd think it was NH, not Medford.

While hiking the trails in the Fells, I've almost been knocked over by mountain bikers and have heard complaints from Babe In the Woods, a hiking group for young children. Most mountain bikers stay on assigned trails. They are enjoying nature too, not careening

through like being in the Indy 500! These younger riders tend to be reckless. Everyone wants to enjoy the peacefulness of the Fells. Birders, fishermen, hikers, etc. Can't we all enjoy nature together? I met a gentleman from Charlestown who rode over to the Fells. He enjoys mountain biking and was disappointed by some of the behavior of fellow mountain bikers. Please do not enlarge more trails for mountain bikers. There's no reason they should get preferential treatment over true nature lovers like myself et al. Thanks for your consideration.

From: JANET LATANZI [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:12 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: NO MORE BIKES

I love hiking in the fells, but I stay off bike trails because the bikers have knocked me down more than once. At seventy years old I can't jump out of the way safely. As a baby I lived on East Border Road. 69 years later I still enjoy hiking there. It will never be the same again if biking happens.
Don't ruin this nature reservation.

John Hagg
Arlington MA

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Brian Cowan; friends@fells.com
Subject: Middlesex Fells

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that you are considering converting the Middlesex Fells Reservation into a wide-scale recreational bike path. I would urge you to not pursue this course of action. My husband and I regularly hike with our dog in the reservations. We keep our dog on a leash and enjoy being able to walk without having to worry about bikers. I understand that hikers and bikers need to share the Middlesex Fells Reservation, so I would encourage you to keep the status quo, which is to have both biking and hiking paths. Having the Middlesex Fells Reservation so close is one of the nicest parts about living in West Medford and I would hate to lose this. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marlee Cowan
West Medford, MA

From: Kim DeAndrade [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 6:21 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: keep fells natural

Please keep the Fells natural. I support keeping mountain bike use limited. Allow the majority of trails to be for walkers and wildlife.

thank you,

Kim DeAndrade
Medford

From: Herb Ramy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:57 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed

To Whom It May Concern:

I was very concerned to read of the plan to convert significant sections of the Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use while the RMP process is underway. I strongly disagree with this plan and urge you to leave the Fells Trails System Plan in draft form until the RMP process is completed. Not only is this required by law, it is essential in order to allow all interested parties to voice their opinions.

To be clear, no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Herbert Ramy

Stoneham, MA 02180

From: John Dacey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: 'Marie Dacey'
Subject: comments on draft plan

My wife and I have been hiking, mountain biking and cross country skiing in the Fells for 20 years.

We are members of Friends of the Fells, NEMBA, and the AMC.

Our overall comment on the draft plan is that it is excellent. It is a common sense and well reasoned plan that fairly balances the needs of a variety of uses and users. Good job!

A few specific items we would like to see considered in the final plan are:

- Additional Enforcement: Specifically of the dogs on leash rule and mountain bikes on no bike trails.

(My wife and I have had an increasing number of unpleasant experiences with dogs off leash, primarily when hiking but also when biking)

(You'll also get greater buy in from hikers if they believe they'll be enforcement on the no biking trails)

- Greater Consideration of Cross Country Skier Needs

The samples taken of Fells usage were not done during snow periods. It appears that the cross country skiing usage is under estimated.

We see many, many skiers on suitable skiing days.

The major frustration of cross country skiers is that they break snow and lay down tracks after a storm, then other users trample all over the tracks making skiing difficult on subsequent days.

We have two recommendations: designate a small number of trails as "skiing only" (when there is snow on the ground); and post "winter trail etiquette" signage on fire roads/wide trails recommending skiers stay to the sides while hikers/dogs/snowshoers stay in the center and off ski tracks – something like shown below:

|| Snow Etiquette ||

|| walk/snowshoe ||

|| in center ||

||keep off ski tracks ||

Sincerely,

John & Marie Dacey

Winchester, MA 01890 USA

From: Walter Kittredge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 7:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Site Walks and illegal trails

The Site Walks were only attended by 27 people. So few people came that it was an ineffective way to gather public input, or transmit information about the proposed plans to the general public.

During the site walk it was proposed that a new trail be created using illegal trails, in order to close spider trails. This was in the area north of the Sheepfold adjacent to Rt. 28 between gates 24 and 25. The effect of a trail through this narrow area would be to eliminate all wildlife habitat. The distance between the trail and the fire road would only be about 75 feet. With 50 foot disturbance zones on either side of the trail and roads, there wouldn't be any area left where wildlife would not be disturbed. The same is also true of the proposed new trail to be created out of an illegal trail going by Bear Hill.

Creating new trails out of illegal trails to close spider trails is the wrong approach:

- Hundreds of signs & posts needed, not cost-effective with tax-payer dollars
- Manpower of DCR and volunteers pulled away from maintenance of current trails
- Rewards bad behavior of those who created the illegal trails, encourages making more illegal trails
- Provides access for people to keep spider trails open
- Requires constant enforcement
- Creates new trails for a single purpose with no input from constituents whether these trails make sense for the Fells as a whole
- Fragments the forest, causing environmental damage through introduction of invasive plants, and elimination of wildlife habitat

Best time and cost effective way to close spider trails is to close off areas entirely:

- Fewer signs & posts, less taxpayer money expended
- Scarce manpower not diverted from maintenance of current trails
- Closes access to all illegal trails
- Sends right message, all illegal trails will be closed
- Less effort to enforce
- New trails should only be created from consensus of all user groups that they are desirable for multiple reasons, fulfilling multiple needs, and are environmentally sound
- New trails shouldn't be redundant with existing trails, and would need to be carefully planned to minimize environmental effects

Walter Kittredge

From: Nierenberg, Judith [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 10:47 AM
To: 'Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us'
Subject: mountain bike plan

Please DO NOT expand the use of mountain bikes in the Fells. They are disruptive enough as it is. If the use trails are expanded for mountain bikes we will have huge numbers of mountain bikers as it will become a prime place for mountain biking disturbing the animals that live there and the hikers. The parking lots will become much too crowded and the trail erosion will not be repaired. It will become impossible to enforce.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Nierenberg

From: cambia davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Wait on new Trail policy. No more destructive bike use in the Fells!

To: Joe Orfant, DCR Director of Planning

Dear Sir:

I am alarmed that the DCR has not honored the previous agreement that the DCR Fells Trails System Plan would remain in draft form until completion of a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process. I demand that the Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

I demand that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you,

Cornelia Davis
Medford, MA 02155

From:
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2010 9:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comments on trail plan at Middlesex Fells

Please consider the following comments:

-Please open the Reservoir Trail to bikers (and hikers!). It is so beautiful and wide it seems both bikers and hikers could coexist well there. It is too beautiful for both to resist (and they don't). Other reservoirs (like Fresh Pond in Cambridge) have much higher use close to their shores and I believe Cambridge has the best water quality in the state. I can't believe with the advances in water treatment technology that biking and hiking would impact water quality there. (It may make sense to keep dogs away though for obvious reasons).

-I also endorse the Dark Hollow expansion of biking trails and reduction of so called "spider trails"

-Also I endorse only banning bikes to the spring mud season vs. Jan and Feb. Few people like to bike in the mud anyway.

Regards,
Brandon Ingersoll

From: Happy Family [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject:

To Those Directors in Charge of Changes to the Middlesex Fells Reservation,

I use the Fells Reservations many times during the year in all seasons. It is a wonderful asset and place. I use it by myself, with my family and with friends. My young daughter has many great and growing experiences in this great quite and safe to use outdoor door area that is so accessible to those living in the cities just north of Boston.

I am completely and totally against what changes you are proposing for this area. For such a significant change in such a major reservation public hearings must be part of the process if it is to be fair.

I firmly believe that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Seriously concerned,

Kenneth Alper

Malden, MA 02148

From: Frank Bomba [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 11:27 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Frank Bomba

Subject: Proposed conversion of Fells hiking rails

To whom it may concern:

We strongly oppose the proposed DCR planned changes in use of the Fells Trails until the Resource Management Plan process is completed. My wife and I are frequent users of the hiking trails as hikers and runners and believe the conversion of these trails to allow additional biking would not only cause serious ecological degradation to the wildlife and fauna in the environment but also negatively impact our enjoyment of this natural resource. As pedestrians in the Fells Forest, the increased proliferation of additional mountain bike traffic will disturb the peacefulness and safety of our visits. We are also concerned that DCR is not in support of more effective enforcement of current Fells rules now in effect such as for the leash requirement for dogs - more can and should be done.

Sincerely,

Frank and Susan Bomba
[REDACTED] Boston, MA

From: John Vietz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 3:31 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Strong support for Fells Draft plan

I express strong support for your draft fells plan. As a frequent fells user, where I run and walk with my three small children, I was very concerned that the vehemense of the certain user groups would lead to a long list of exclusionary rules and armed police presense at each entrance to enforce the rules. I have never had a problem with other fells users be they on bicycles or four feet. I think that others should learn tolerance and respect and not seek to ban people they find mildly offensive. Your deft plan seems to support this viewpoint.

From: Eliza Mallouk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 4:25 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: bike trails in the Fells!

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the plan of the DCR to convert certain hiking trails into use by mountain bikes.

The Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan process is underway.

Yours Truly,
Eliza Mallouk
Melrose, MA

From: Ginny LaCrow [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Biking trail plans!

Greetings,

I'm a member of the Friend of the Fells and hike on the trails regularly. I've had several near-collisions with people on bikes who are on paths not meant for bikes! They are often riding on the small, narrow trails close to the ponds and come down hills at break-neck speeds. Several times I've reminded them that they're riding on paths not meant for bikes and have been verbally rebuked for speaking to them. I've had several men who have argued with me the instant I open my mouth to say "You know this isn't a bike path. Your tires are eroding the trail". They instantly tell me that it's just as much their right to ride on the paths as for me to hike.

I strongly urge the enforcement of bikes on designated paths - ONLY!

Thank you,
Virginia LaCrow

From: emma long [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: converting hiking trails to bike trails

Hello,
I take my family to the Fells almost every weekend. I think the trails are divided very equally and cannot understand why so many trails are being converted to bike trails. There are many middle aged and older folks who are not nible enough to ride a bike, but they enjoy walking on the trails. I am wondering why the change?

Linda Newman

From: Janet Wilder [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Conversion to Bike Trails

I would like to register my comments in opposition to changing the Fells so dramatically. The reservation is a wonderful resource so close to the city for hikers, and for introducing kids to nature. I'm bringing several families with kids there tomorrow, and it's hard to hike with bikers, especially with little kids.

I hope you'll change your mind. Thank you for your attention.

Janet Wilder

Arlington, MA 02476

From:

Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2010 8:31 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Middlesex Fells

Dear DCR,

I believe that the Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway. This Resource Protection process is required by law to ensure that all visitors to the Fells have an opportunity to express concerns and ideas for protecting the Fells Reservation. No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you,
Barbara Strell

From: Vicky Peterson [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 12:00 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: opposed to Fells bike plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to converting or adding mountain bike trails in the Middlesex Fells. I am an avid mountain biker and I see the damage that is done by the bikes that are already there. The Fells is too valuable a resource to give over to this use.

Sincerely,

Vicky Peterson
Somerville, MA

From: David Barnes [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 11:20 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells trail plan

To whom it may concern,

I am the lead organizer of a hiking group with over 700 members named "Hike the Medford fells". I lead large group hikes through all of the Middlesex fells trails on a weekly basis. I am writing to express my concern over the changes proposed to the trail system with regards to bicycle use. Many of my members have come to me with their concerns, and I told them that I would express them to you. The Middlesex fells reservation is a fragile ecosystem, like many wilderness preserves. There is no other reservation of this type and size in the Boston area (the blue hills are very different). So it is important that we preserve this natural resource.

Currently there are a large number of biking trails through the fells. They are well established and have been there for a long time. They are relatively easy to ride on, and relatively safe for a biker to traverse. To open up the established hiking trails to bikers would not only cause a much greater impact on those picturesque trails, but would also put many more bikers on trails that are far too dangerous for bike riding. I have hiked the trails that you are considering converting on a regular basis for the last 10 years. There are many stretches that I would consider somewhat suicidal to attempt on bicycle, but which an avid mountain biker would attempt anyway if the trail were open for biking. If you open those trails to biking, you are essentially telling people that it is a safe recreation for them to do on those trails. Someone is going to get hurt. It might be a biker, or it might be a hiker who can't get out of the way in time for a biker who is losing control. But you should consider the possibility that you could be opening yourselves to lawsuit. My recommendation would be for some of your members to actually attempt these trails by bike before voting to make the conversion. I would also recommend waiting until the fells Resource Management Plan has completed its study before making any changes. And lastly, if you are actually considering cutting down trees to make additional trails, I and my fellow hikers would strongly protest. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Barnes
Hike the Medford Fells

From: On Behalf Of Greg Gohr [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Mountain Biking in Fells

Good Morning-

I am writing to request that the DCR give due consideration to expanding mountain biking opportunities in the Fells. I have been mountain biking for 20 years and I am now sharing my love of the sport with my three children. We feel very fortunate that the Fells is only 10 minutes from our house. As my children are learning to love mountain biking they are also learning to love and respect the natural beauty of parks like the Fells. In my experience mountain bikers are great stewards of our natural resources. I believe that expanding

riding opportunities in the Boston metro area will not only benefit the mountain biking community but also benefit conservation efforts across New England, as mountain bikers will have a greater opportunity to share not only their love of mountain biking but their passion for protecting the environment.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Greg J. Gohr

Reading MA 01867

From: Marco P Gomes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan

Dear DCR,

I've read through the Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan and feel obligated to submit comments on the plan as I use the Fells on a weekly basis. Mostly as a mountain biker, but also as a hiker, and as soon as the little one can keep pace on her own I'll be experiencing the trails from a completely different prospective all over again. I have a great love for the outdoors and I've been taught to respect and protect our natural resources and to fight for what I believe is right.

I think this plan is well thought out and intended to keep the many user groups of the Fells satisfied while still being able to manage the trail system appropriately. As the document states in its opening words that this is a working document and a component of a future Resource Management Plan. That statement is key, as I feel this is a great first step in providing a sustainable management plan for this park, but there's still a lot of work left to do.

I strongly agree with the key points made to reduce the overall trail inventory and to improve and close trails in cooperation with stewardship partners. I believe it's the quality of the trail and how they're connected and marked more so than the quantity of trails. It's never any fun when you get lost on a dead end trail. If given the opportunity I think you'd see a large number of volunteers willing to help with this, especially in the mountain biking community. I know I'd be willing to volunteer and I think this also lends itself to helping protect the park's sensitive resources.

Having a well thought out multiuse trail system that flows with varying degrees of distance and difficulty that is well marked would be ideal. I feel this not only as a mountain biker, but as a hiker as well. I don't agree with "hiking only" trails, because you're giving one user

group access to a trail system and not the other. I feel that the park should only designate "hiker only" trails only if you designate "mountain bike only" trails as well. That would make sense if you're trying to improve the overall experience for one particular user group. My personal feeling is that the mountain bike community has been the most vocal in how they feel the park should be utilized and they've made that clear on the displayed chart on page 20. Mountain bikers have made it clear that they care about the park and its best interest and if they're willing to put in the effort to maintain it then they should also have designated trails. Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to advocate on behalf of making mountain bike only trails (though it would be nice) in the Fells, I'm only trying to look at it through a different prospective. I feel that opening the orange trail is a great first step, but opening up some additional trails so that they're multiuse trails would be ideal for a mountain biker. I think that a quality experience can be gained by all user groups through mutual respect and educating the trail users on proper trail etiquette.

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to make these comments and for all of the hard work that's gone into this so far.

Sincerely,

Marco Gomes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:12 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Dear DCR,

I am writing to express my thoughts / ideas pertaining to the Fells.

I have been to the meetings and am all for cooperation and amicable resolution for all parties involved.

I'm a Malden resident and use Fells for hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking. The plans to close and or reroute many trails for various reasons are very much needed. It's also good to see expanded use for mountain bikes specifically. However I am still in awe that the park is not opening all trails for all uses.

As the existing proposal does expand mountain biking, it still will keep everyone in the same areas. People on top of people. The last thing I want is to bother or ruin anyone else's experience.

I have proposed this in the past. The Fells is huge, it would be logical to have a loop designed and implemented that goes around the outer edges of the whole Fells area and medium sized one also for all uses. This would absolutely alleviate overcrowding / everyone in the same areas on the same trails.

Biking is part of my life. The existing bike loop is a 40 minute loop for me, I enjoy 3-5 hour rides so you can see where I am going to be passing the same people many times in one day. If I was hiking on that day I would be annoyed too but understand that I am riding the only legal loop and am not there to be in anyone's way. Let's design and make the outer loops to spread out the volumes of people.

There are groups that want no mountain biking at all.
Discrimination, poor attitudes, YES! I don't have time for this negativity.
I can tell you, I would love to see everyone out in nature for every and any reason possible.

The Fells is an Awesome place and so close to Boston. It's a godsend to have this resource.
I simply would like to enjoy along with everyone else.

sincerely

Gary Contic
hiking, snowshoe, mountain biking
[REDACTED] Malden, MA

From: Michelle Wodogaza [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:33 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: mtn biking in the Fells

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Best,
Michelle Wodogaza

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Fells Reservation

October 19, 2010

To whom it may concern,

As a long-time resident of the local community of Arlington and Fellsway lover I am writing to express my alarm and opposition to the recent plan to develop the parkland for more rigorous bike usage. Over the course of twenty years I have walked or cross-country skied the wooded trails innumerable times and have taken delight in each and every experience. What draws me to the woods each and every time, is the opportunity for solitary reverie with a nature as little disturbed as possible. In my view, there is no need nor gain achieved by the physical alteration in the landscape especially if undertaken to accomodate/expand use by such a select group. Nature's gift, its draw is its unaltered state, enjoyed in so many varying ways by so many varying individuals. Modification of the land on the scale described risks too much. When do we start to hear the land's needs and honor them?

Many times I've hiked the trails to be disturbed by a cyclist tearing at full speed down a trail specifically denied bike use. Over the years I've noted the erosion of many areas and wondered to myself how much has been due to reckless use of space? Why not use the available monies for remedial work and programming that fosters responsible use of this local treasure.

At the very least please make sure that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use be made until the RMP process is completed.

a concerned user,

Joanne Rothstein, Lic. Ac.

Arlington, MA 02474

From: Keith Berkoben [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 12:54 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on Fells Draft Plan

After reading the proposed plan I have the following general (first) and specific (following) comments:

As a general statement, I am firmly in support of the fells being entirely shared use. Much of the conflict in the park stems from feelings of entitlement on the the part of different user groups. A blanket shared-use policy would be a powerful statement that such entitlement is not productive. Further, given the limited resources available to DCR, diverting resources from maintenance to enforcement of restricted-access policies for specific user groups seems like a waste.

Given the strong sentiment toward modifying the trail layouts, intersections, etc. in the draft plan I would be in favor of trail designs that shape use (making certain trails more or less attractive to different user groups) as opposed to explicit access restrictions.

Specifically I have the following comments (divided into AGREE and DISAGREE):

AGREE....

6.1: Reduce the Trail Inventory: I support the closure of spider trails and dead ends, and minimizing intersections. This would improve the user experience. I do not believe that there should be fewer trail miles, however. In my opinion the fells trails suffer from an overuse problem that would be mitigated by spreading traffic over more miles of high-quality trail. Any closed "junk" miles should be replaced with quality trails that will help to spread users.

6.2: Formalize partnerships with stakeholders like NEMBA, AMC: 100% Support. These organizations have done amazing things at other DCR parks. They should have a formal role at the fells

6.4: Winter Closure becomes March 1-March 31: I support the new closure date. From my experience in the park this better aligns with the reality of the trail conditions. Given that MTB and Hiking use are viewed as equally impactful in the plan I don't understand why the policy applies only to Bikes. Perhaps a policy of closing singletrack trails to all users during this time but leaving fire roads open year-round would be superior?

6.9: Orange (Reservoir) Trail made shared-use: 100% support.

6.9: Dark Hollow Pond Trail Plan implemented and then becomes shared-use: 100% support. This case is a clear parallel to a similar case in Santa Cruz where failure to take action to redevelop a similar illicitly-used area (drug use) in the name of conservation resulted in the area becoming so run-down that the police were even afraid to enter. The

DCR plan that both closes spider trails and injects wholesome users is an excellent one that should be implemented as soon as possible.

6.9: Evaluate Cross Fells (Blue) and Crystal Springs trails for shared-use: 100% support. Contrary to the statement of the plan, there are many places in the fells that could potentially provide opportunities for "Advanced" Mountain Biking. In fact, a fully shared-use fells would present some of the most challenging technical Singletrack in the greater Boston area. Closing many trails to the second largest user group squanders a rare and valuable recreational resource. Cross fells, in particular, presents many advanced opportunities for cyclists.

6.9: Evaluate other trails for shared-use through RMP process: 100% agree. shared-use disperses users and should slow down mountain bikers (because more advanced cyclists will often opt for the more challenging trails as opposed to using easy trails like a racetrack). More shared-use trails mean fewer resources can be spent on enforcement and more on maintenance.

DISAGREE...

6.8: Designate Skyline (White) as hiker only: STRONGLY Disagree. see previous statements about shared-use.

6.9: Designate Virginia Woods as pedestrian only: STRONGLY Disagree. see previous statements about shared-use. This also makes a complete park loop by bike nearly impossible and forces abutters who bike to ride on busy roads to access park.

6.9: Evaluating separate uses by times or days through the RMP process: STRONGLY Disagree. Access times are unenforceable and may unfairly exclude some users from having any park access at all depending on their work or other responsibilities.

Best,
Keith Berkoben
Somerville, MA

From: Matt Pickett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Trails for all.

Hi,

I've attended the meetings about the fells trail system realignment. All I ask is equal access to trails at the Fells like any other state park. Any reasonable request to stay off of a trail for preservation, restoration or otherwise is fine, as long as it is for everyone. There shouldn't be any special treatment for any group. That opens the door for more animosity. The policies currently in effect at the Fells have created the negative atmosphere between

cyclists and hikers. Mostly because the hikers have greater freedoms than other user groups in the Fells. The inequity fuels this animosity and creates a perceived class system within the Families of users. Whereas the former governing body of the Fells created the rules under which the current environment was fostered it is up to you now to end it. Get it right. Equal access, equal restriction, that is all we want. Thanks for your hard work. I know you will do a great job.

Matt Pickett

Pickett Design

Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Paul Jahnige & team DCR,

First of all, I would like to thank you for putting together the Draft Trail Plan for the Fells. You've done a great job and released a document of the highest qualities (I especially love the maps).

Please find my comments to the content of the Draft Plan below.

Best,

Antonín Koukolík

COMMENTS TO SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE PLAN (BOTH SUPPORTING AND OPPOSING)

PAGE 41 "DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE NEW TRAIL MAPS FOR THE MIDDLESEX FELLS"

I support that! A big, beautiful map, which will contain all information, will help users to find their ways through the Fells, as well as keep in their minds that there are other users, too.

PAGE 41 "DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A MOUNTAIN BIKING MAP."

I oppose. Develop one good map with all information instead of a few simplified ones! By developing separate maps, you give one group sense of being something special and make them forget about other users.

If you still consider creating use-specific maps, then such map should be based on the general map and contain highlighted use-specific trails and more use-specific information.

You could create a winter map, with suggestions for good cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. I would put that one online only as there might be fewer winter-users.

Creating a use-specific map might result in an epic fail. You have an example of a fail here:

<http://www.bikemaps.com/regmaps.htm> (Why is this map a fail? Because it leaves out a lot of streets, which makes impossible to navigate with this map when you get lost. And why do you have a map? So that you don't get lost and can find out precisely where you are. But that's impossible when some information is missing.)

PAGE 42 "IMPROVE SIGNAGE AND TRAIL MARKING WITHIN THE MIDDLESEX FELLS TRAIL SYSTEM."

I believe the signage is one of the most important parts of the user experience, especially for users who visit the Fells less frequently.

I don't agree with the design of the trailhead signs. The trailhead signs should contain the WHOLE Fells map with all the detail. Especially for long-distance activities such as mountain biking, the whole map is appropriate. "You are here" marking should be included.

Information about legal use for all trails should be included in each sign! Each sign should be saying which trails are legal for hiking, mountain biking and other uses. Each sign should talk about dog policy and mention dog friendly areas. Basically each trailhead sign (1 in each parking designated area) should have ALL the important details about the Fells. That would require a bigger sign with more details and more information. That's the only way how to educate users such as local dog walkers or mountain bikers who don't know about this process or changes in the Fells trails and policies.

As well, with the destination, the mileage information can be tricky, because 1 mile of Skyline trail takes a different amount of time than 1 mile of fire road. More sophisticated places use average walking time, which is what I would recommend using together with the mileage.

PAGE -73 (APPENDIX I) – “IN THE FELLS, WE RECOMMEND THAT OFFICIAL TRAILS (OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED ROUTES ABOVE) SHOULD BE BLAZED IN DARK BLUE FOR MULTI-USE TRAILS AND WHITE FOR HIKING ONLY TRAILS.”

I strongly oppose the suggestion that any hiking only trails other than Rock Circuit and Skyline Trail will be marked with white color. The reason for my opposition is that the exclusiveness of the white color to the two main hiking loops in the Fells helps orientation and should be maintained. As soon as you see a white reassurance blaze, you know you are on the Skyline Trail or on the Rock Circuit Trail (and assuming you know whether you are on the west or east of 93, you know on which one). If you use white blazes anywhere else, this unique feature making orientation easy will be lost.

PAGE 74 (APPENDIX I) – “DIRECTIONAL CHANGE INDICATORS”

I oppose the use of “caution” blazes. From my point of view, it is redundant and confusing, especially if a similar sign should mean a change of direction. They might cause “signage pollution” (e.g. on the Skyline trail, if you wanted to mark all tougher spots, you might end up marking the whole loop with “caution” blazes). A cautious user doesn't need such blazes. Instead, I would talk about the general difficulty of the trail on the trailhead sign.

I oppose the shape of the directional blazes (example given “turn right”). They are confusing and their shape does not allow for pointing in the direction where the trail goes (a 90 degree turn against a slight 30 degree turn). I propose keeping the current “L” shaped directional blazes, which are more clear in getting the message across (“make a turn this way!”). As well the best practice on “avoid arrows” is unclear to me, I have the best experience with trail blazes in the shape of arrows (when used wisely, of course).

One thing is not stressed in the document, which I find it very important is the consistency of marking. When two or more trails overlap, the all the blazes marking those trails should be always together. The example – if there is an overlap of the white, orange and green trails, there should be always a white, orange and green blaze together. If one of them is missing, it creates confusion because the user will think one of the trails separated without him noticing. Very important.

PAGE 42 – “CONSULT WITH MWRA AND TOWN OF WINCHESTER ON TRAIL USE DESIGNATIONS AND POLICES THAT AFFECT WATER SUPPLY LANDS.”

I strongly support that. The trails encompassing the reservoirs are one of the best mountain biking trails in the Fells, especially because of a good flow, nice terrain and less interference with other trails. Mountain biking does not interfere with the water supply such as off-leash dog walking does, so there is less reasons for keeping the mountain bikers

out. Those trails in the Town of Winchester lands even have potential for new multi-use loop around the reservoirs.

PAGE 42 – “POST AND ENFORCE A SEASONAL CLOSURE FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING AT THE FELLS DURING “MUD SEASON” (MARCH 1 TO MARCH 31)”

I strongly support this provision. There is no reason to keep the Fells closed to bikers when the ground is frozen in winter. The leafless Fells offer a whole new experience and atmosphere, who has never been in the Fells in winter will never know.

PAGE 42 – “EDUCATE DOG OWNERS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF DOG WASTE ON WATER SUPPLIES, AND ENFORCE “CARRY-IN, CARRY-OUT” POLICY.”

I strongly support that. Recently, a lot of dog walkers was leaving their bagged dog feces in the Fells. That is even worse than not picking after their dogs at all! I’m angry when I run into a pile of dog feces, but I’m even more when I see bags of dog feces, which can not decompose, lying all around.

PAGE 45 – “MAINTAIN, PROMOTE, AND ENFORCE “HIKING ONLY” TRAILS WITHIN THE MIDDLESEX FELLS TRAIL SYSTEM, INCLUDING, AS A PRIORITY, THE SKYLINE AND ROCK CIRCUIT TRAILS.

I strongly oppose this provision. In my opinion, every trail should be shared use in the end, and tolerance and respect should be the way to achieve zero conflict on all multi-use trails. The Skyline trails is a very challenging single track. That’s why it is highly valued by a small, very specific group of advanced mountain bikers. I suggest considering the Skyline trail for shared use. Because of the vastly rocky terrain, there would be limited impact on the trail by allowing mountain bikers in. Because it’s tough to ride and there won’t be many bikers there, the hiking experience wouldn’t be impacted either. The Skyline trail could be initially put into shared-use for weekdays and one weekend day only (e.g. Mon-Sat) and if there is no conflict, it could be introduced as a full shared-use trail later on.

PAGE 45 – “DESIGNATE VIRGINIA WOOD AS A “PEDESTRIAN ONLY” SECTION OF THE FELLS.”

I strongly oppose this provision for the following reason: If you designate Virginia Woods pedestrian only, you limit the access in the north-eastern part of the Fells for all users. Doing a large loop around the whole Fells would become impossible for non-pedestrians. Non-pedestrians who enter the Fells through Virginia Woods will have to travel further. There should be at least one multi-use trail going through the Virginia Woods in the north-south direction. The rest can be pedestrian only.

PAGE 46 – “EVALUATE, THROUGH THE RMP PROCESS, OPTIONS FOR SEPARATING USES BY TIMES OR DAYS SUCH AS A TRIAL “PEDESTRIAN ONLY SUNDAY’S” POLICY.”

I strongly oppose this provision, because it would create a lot of discrimination. Imagine you are a user who has only one day in a week free for going to the Fells due to your work/family assignments. And that day, your favorite activity is not permitted in the Fells, because it’s “some other activity only day”. As I mentioned above, tolerance, respect and sharing should be the way to zero conflict, not selective access (you would teach your kids to share candies, too, and not tell them that Johnny gets candies on Monday and Billy gets them on Tuesday).

OTHER SPECIFIC PROVISIONS I SUPPORT:

- PAGE 40 “CLOSE TRAILS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER AND MILES OF TRAILS WITHIN THE TRAIL SYSTEM.”

- PAGE 43 – “EVALUATE, THROUGH THE RMP PROCESS, THE CREATION OF A NEW “ALL PERSONS TRAIL” CONNECTING FLYNN RINK PARKING AREA TO THE TRAIL NETWORK NEAR QUARTER MILE POND.”
 - PAGE 44 – “CREATE A MULTI-USER “TRAIL AMBASSADOR” OR “TRAIL WATCH” PROGRAM.”
 - PAGE 45 – “WORK WITH MOUNTAIN BIKING STAKEHOLDERS”
 - PAGE 45 – “IMPLEMENT THE DARK HOLLOW TRAIL PROPOSAL.”
 - PAGE 45 – “DESIGNATE THE RESERVOIR (ORANGE) TRAIL AS A MULTI-USE TRAIL.”
 - PAGE 45 – “EVALUATE, THROUGH THE RMP PROCESS, DESIGNATING ALL OR SOME PORTIONS OF THE CROSS FELS AND CRYSTAL SPRINGS TRAILS AS A MULTI-USE TRAILS.”
 - PAGE 45 – “EVALUATE, THROUGH THE RMP PROCESS, DESIGNATING ALL OFFICIAL TRAILS AS A MULTI-USE TRAILS“ (I DON’T SUPPORT THE SECOND PART OF THIS SENTENCE ABOUT THE SKYLINE TRAIL)
- SUGGESTION FOR FEATURES MISSING IN THE PLAN:
 ESTABLISH AN EMAIL ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER FOR ANNOUNCING FALLEN TREES AND OTHER TRAIL DAMAGE DESIGNATE A PERSON WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE TRAIL WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS.
 That will prevent significant trail damage, because people create new trails around obstacles and that could be avoided if the obstacles (esp. trees) were removed promptly. Some trees lying over the trails (esp. the less frequently used ones) have been there forever.

LONG-TERM SUGGESTION:

CONNECT THE FELS, WAKEFIELD TOWN FOREST PARK, BREAKHEART RESERVATION AND LYNN WOODS WITH A LONG-DISTANCE TRAIL.

There is a great potential for a long-range mountain biking trail connecting the Fells with Breakheart Reservation and Lynn Woods. I’ve biked from the southern Fells to Breakheart Reservation through the Wakefield Town Forest Park Before and it was a great experience, which involved only a little biking on the road between the Fells and The Wakefield Town Forest Park. There is a trail that goes through the Forest Park and connects almost perfectly to Breakheart Reservation. It only lacks marking, so it’s a little hard to find, but besides that, it’s a great trail.

LONG-TERM FELS DEVELOPMENT VISION:

PREVENT ALL URBAN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FELS AREA AND ULTIMATELY PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITING THE WESTERN AND EASTERN PARTS OF THE FELS.

From my point of view, some roads going through the Fells could be closed off as redundant. That would allow the Fells to reunite in a bigger park and it would increase the value of the property around the Fells because the area would become quieter. I would consider the following roads for closing: Woodland Road, Ravine Road, Fellsway East, Pond Street and in the long term, South Border Road. Initially, those streets could be made dead end streets and made open only to visitors of the Fells and locals. Eventually, they could be closed off completely. The same holds for the old hospital. The redevelopment should be

stopped and the area cleared out and turned back into a park. Allowing to build in the heart of the most valuable park in Greater Boston area is a dangerous precedent.

I understand that DCR doesn't own the roads or the property in the Fells and this whole idea might sound like a sci-fi, but I still think it would be a great long term vision for the development of the Fells by the DCR.

Kristina Gaudette

Phone Call

[Notes paraphrased]

I do Cross country ski in the Fells and also have trained for hikes for 30 years

I do see that bikes can crew up trails especially in the winter. Other users also mess up cross-country ski trails.

I also see that in all season, biking chews up trails, and seem to be pretty destructive.

However, I am torn. I know this is a multi-use area, and respect other people right to recreate.

Biking is great sport, but I do think it is destroying the trails

Thank you.

From: Gail F [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2010 3:22 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: DCR draft plan for Middlesex Fells

As a dog owner who frequently "recreates" in the Fells, at the Sheepfold Meadow and on the trails with my dog, I am most dismayed to see that the off-leash activity that we have so enjoyed there will apparently soon be curtailed by Ranger enforcement. I have a 34-lb. dog who is sociable and friendly; I do not leave bags of waste anywhere but the dumpster (even if it means carrying the bags with me throughout a walk); and both my dog and I hate the summer heat (my dog will not exercise well in the warmer months unless he can run in the shade; not true of all dogs but true of mine) and seek refuge on the well-shaded trails. It will be a sad day when, if I understand this plan correctly, that I will suffer some kind of Ranger attention if my dog enters a "vernal pool" in 90-degree weather when he is desperately hot, not to mention if my dog can only be allowed off-leash in the hottest area of the Fells - the Sheepfold Meadow.

The Middlesex Fells are really big enough to allow some trail usage by off-leash dogs and their owners. But I suppose that certain dog-haters and their supporters won't be happy until dogs are unable to run off-leash in any forest or on any hill in Massachusetts, actually as well as legally.

The only problem I ever saw in the Fells is that the trail signage seemed confusing. Practically everyone that I have met there in person, dog owners, people who don't have dogs, bikers, seems tolerant and friendly.

Sincerely,

Patricia Floss

From: Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on plan

Please -
- no day use fees for the Fells
- allow dogs off-leash on the trails
- Increase the available parking at the Fells.

Thank you-

Scott Mortimer

Newburyport, MA 01950

From: Nathaniel Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 9:05 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: DCR Draft Plan Feedback

Hi,

Just letting you know that I support the proposed draft plan for the Fells, specifically: the expanded opportunities for mountain biking, the trail closures, reducing confusion and dog leashing.

Thanks for all your hard work during this process; it is for the good of the park.

-Nathaniel Williams

From: Rob Ide [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: North of the Sheepfold

If the planning commission would like to improve the safety of the area north of the sheepfold and eliminate the sexual activity they could allow this area to be developed as a Mountain Biking park, a well developed trail of loop through this section would encourage mountain bike activity which would deter the sexual activity. This would also allow both hikers and bikers to enjoy the natural features in this portion of the park.

Rob Ide

Brookline, MA

From:

To: "Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation" <reply-a5c0cd46cd-1e5986cc37-da6c@u.cts.vresp.com>

Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 4:08:13 PM

Subject: Re: Fells Trails Alert

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

THE FOREST (FELLS) SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE FOR ALL TO ENJOY WITHOUT MORE BIKE TRAILS. BIKES DISTURB THE ANIMALS AND DESECRATE THE FOLIAGE.

DEFINITELY NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN FELLS REVERVATION TRAIL USE BE MADE UNTIL THE RMP PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

DOTTIE ABRUZZESE

----- Original Message -----

From: "Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation"

<Friends_of_the_Middlesex_Fells_R@mail.vresp.com>

To: cocoachow@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2010 2:52:53 PM

Subject: Fells Trails Alert

Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation

PO Box 478 Stoneham MA, 02180 781.662-2340

Fells Reservation Alert

DCR planning to convert the Fells Reservation into a mountain bike park.

Please help stop this plan.

Don't let the nature of the Fells be lost!

DCR Fells Trails Plan re-frames the Fells Forest Reservation as an "urban recreation park"

On September 21, DCR released a Fells Trails Plan with the agenda of beginning to convert Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use. This would change the Reservation forever.

Natural features will be destroyed throughout the Fells

The biodiversity of birds, wildlife and plants will be threatened

Visitors' ability to safely and quietly enjoy nature will be jeopardized

DCR proposes conversion of these Fells hiking trails to mountain bike use:

Reservoir Trail - Dark Hollow Pond Trail - 'Sections' of Cross Fells Trail and

Crystal Springs Trail - And conversion of nearly all the rest of hiking trails to bike use in the near future

DCR Proposes creating new mountain bike trails through undisturbed woodlands:

Create three mountain bike trails from Bear Hill to Sheepfold
DCR proposes no effective enforcement of any of Fells rules and regulations:

No citations and levying fines for infractions of Fells regulations
No teaming up with the State Police who are willing and able to assist DCR Rangers enforce regulations to protect natural resources and safety of visitors
Just 'two seasonal rangers' with zero enforcement power can't police 2500 acres
DCR presents no means to enforce protection of Priority Natural Communities, Rare and Endangered Species & Habitats, water quality, Vernal Pools, from bike riders riding wherever they choose; DCR proposes no enforcement to preclude the new bike riding influxes from creating the "dense trail networks (which) can disrupt breeding birds, create lethal barriers to amphibian movement, and compact forest soils, among other impacts to general biodiversity." [Lynn Harper Habitat Protection Specialist Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program; Fells Trails Plan Appendix F]

It is up to us to ensure that the nature of the Fells is protected!

Contact DCR and demand that the Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway. This Resource Protection process is required by law to ensure that all visitors to the Fells have an opportunity to express concerns and ideas for protecting the Fells Reservation.

Your letters are critical if the Fells is to continue to serve as a Reservation -- an area where nature is appreciated and protected for visitor enjoyment.

State that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

IMPORTANT: You must re-send any previous comments you sent to DCR on this issue since only comments received after September 21st will be considered by DCR.

Send Comments to: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us,
Letters; send to Fells Trails Plan, 136 Damon Road, Northampton, MA 01060

The public comment period ends Friday, November 19, 2010.

Please send copies of any emails or letters to the Friends of the Fells.

Thank you!

Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
PO Box 478 Stoneham MA 02180
friends@fells.com 781-662-2340

Thank you.

From: Christopher White [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: The Middlesex Fells Reservation

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen that uses the Middlesex Fells Reservation (Fells) on a fairly frequent basis. My family and I frequent the Fells for hikes that lead to often picturesque natural locations only minutes from the urban metropolis of Boston and I would like for the natural beauty there to remain for the distant future.

The Fells has been used by bikers, horsemen and hikers with some angst by the naturalists. There seems to be a respect among users of the Fells and our hope is that the natural entities of the park are preserved for future generations. In this vein, I would like that this park continued to be used for all and that its habitat would be maintained for all to enjoy. I hope that the park is not turned into a bike park alone. I believe there are plenty of trails throughout the park and that additional trails are not necessary. Frankly, the ones that are currently in place are over used and are in need maintenance. Additionally, to assure the safety of the park and its users the park should have published rules and police/ranger patrols that have the responsibility and authority to enforce them.

Thank you for considering my thoughts with regards to future changes to the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Best regards,

Christopher White
Resident of Lexington, MA

From: Francis Blesso [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 11:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Clark, Katherine (HOU); Tisei, Richard (SEN)
Subject: Comments for Draft Fells Trails Plan

Congratulations on the professional trail plan you created. It does an excellent job documenting the existing state and proposing workable solutions. Here are a few points I would like to comment on:

- I am most concerned with the proposal in Section 6.8, "Designate Virginia Wood as "pedestrian only" section of the Fells." This would be terrible for mountain biking. It would

partition the Fells into one section north of Pond Street and another containing the rest of the Fells; there would be no way to get from Gate 41 on Pond Street to any other section of the Fells. I live in Melrose and ride my bike from my home and enter the Fells at Gate 47 on Lynn Fells Parkway. With Virginia Wood access, I can make a very nice ride on the east side, or travel to Gate 34 to ride the west side. Without access to Virginia Wood, I'd be forced to ride on dangerous roads!

- In Section 6.8, "Separate overlapping segments and the number of intersections of the Skyline, Reservoir and Mountain Bike Loop trails if Possible" is a great idea. I hope we can find ways to do this.
- The suggestion in Section 6.8, "Maintain, promote, and enforce "hiking only" trails within the Middlesex Fells trail system," is an unfair use of the trails. If there were some "mountain bike only" trails, this would be a fair proposal. The mountain bikers will be sharing all their accessible trails. So should everyone else.
- In section 6.8, "pedestrian only Sunday's' or other ways of separating trail use is a bad idea and an unworkable proposal. With limited schedules, many people can only use the Fells on one day, and nobody wants to be told they can't do something on their one free day. This simply looks like a dangerous gateway to anti-mountain bike days. The DCR should recognize all users as having equal rights and access.
- I support all of your suggestions in Section 6.9. Specifically, I think "Designate the Reservoir (Orange) Trail as a multi-use trail," and "Implement the Dark Hollow trail proposal" are obvious improvements for all users and should be done as soon as possible. Section 6.9 should go further in opening up more trails to mountain biking, including the Skyline Trail and Rock Circuit Trail. As long as the trails are well designed and maintained, there should be no reason to limit any group's access.
- Regarding Section 6.4, "Post and enforce a seasonal closure for Mountain Biking at the Fells during "mud season" (March 1 to March 31)", I am happy to hear that the seasonal closure will be reduced. However, this policy needs to apply to all trail users. Section 3.1 states that there is no difference between trail users' impacts. Since there is no difference, the winter closure policy should apply to all trail users to prevent pedestrians from damaging the trails during mud season.

Thank you for considering my comments and for all the hard work creating this plan and.

Sincerely,
Francis Blesso

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Kevin Brady [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 12:04 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Draft Plan - Comments

Just want to add my comments about this plan. I am on the mountain bike side of this debate and share most of the views of NEMBA. I am also an advocate of shared use of the park. It's big enough for all of us to use in a sustainable manner.

I have several comments, which I will outline below. I'll try to keep them short.

1. I like the plan to open the Fells to mtn bikes for more of the year. Having it closed during the winter seemed a bit of overkill. Certainly limiting access during the wet spring is a good idea.
2. I'm also a big believer in reducing the number of trails. Confusion reigns in there, because of the numerous trails and poor signage. I'm happy to stay on the trails for mtn bikes only, if I could only figure out which trails those were.
3. MORE SIGNAGE. Can't over stress this enough. Maps at each entrance point, and lots and lots of signs at intersections.
4. Embrace technology. The one thing I don't see in the plan is embracing the new technology available to us here in the 21st century. The DCR is doing all of this surveying, mapping, and studying. How about leveraging that data by publishing a GPS file with all of the trails, intersections and other interesting things in the Fells? Then people can download that file to their GPS and load up all the info they need to stay in compliance with the rules. I use my Garmin Edge 705 on my mtn bike every time I'm in there. I've built up a trail network of my own, but I'd love to have an official version.
5. I love the idea of separate trails for hikers and mtn bikers. It's not possible to keep them apart everywhere (nor is it necessary) but it will be good to have places where one will not have to worry about the other. Again, signage is the key.
6. Ambassadors. I also like the idea of ambassadors, as long as it doesn't get co-opted by one or the other of the special interest groups. If it's all NEMBA or all Friends of The Fells, things will not go well.

Over all I'm in favor of the draft as it is right now. I think it's clear that the DCR has put a lot of time, work and thought into this proposal. I also think you've done a very good job of balancing everyone's needs and wants. I can only hope that the future comes to pass the way you've envisioned it.

Thanks for your hard work,
Kevin Brady

Medford, MA 02155

From: Paul Novosad [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:12 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on Fells plan

I'm writing to submit comments on the recent draft Fells trail plan.

I am a Medford resident, and I hike, bike and walk my dogs frequently in the Fells. My main interests are to the Fells become more conducive to mountain biking, as well as to reduce conflict between users.

I'm supportive of opening the reservoir and cross-fells trail for mountain biking. I agree the Skyline trail and Virginia Woods trails should remain pedestrian only. I think it's likely that the steep parts of the Skyline trail would be damaged by mountain bike use.

Better signage and closure of redundant trails is clearly a win for everyone.

I would be happy to see greater enforcement of the new rules once they are applied. Otherwise it is not clear that anything will be different from the status quo.

Thanks,

Paul

From: Claire Calcagno [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Claire Calcagno

Medford, MA 02155

From: Susan O'Connor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Susan O'Connor

Medford, MA 02155

From: Patrick Welsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. As one of the few large areas of protected land in the Metro-Boston area, the Fells is a truly unique resource.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of converting hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. There is no reason to rush headlong into this wide-ranging change the trail usage.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,
Patrick Welsh

From: David Liddell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Jeanine Liddell

Andover, MA 01810

From: informmotion [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:27 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Lenni Armstrong

Somerville, MA 02143

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Robert Alexander

Stoneham MA 02180

From: Peter and Fay [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: PATRICIA HOWKINSON [phowkinson@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Pat Howkinson

Medford, MA 02155

From: Martha Borkan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:31 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Martha Borkan

Melrose, MA 02176

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:31 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Peter MacInnis

Melrose Ma 02176

From: Susan Fineran [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:31 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

As frequent hikers in the Middlesex Fells and as Medford residents who live across the street from this beautiful resource, we feel strongly that there should be no consideration of changes in the Fells trails access policy until a Fells Resource Management Plan is completed as required by Mass General Law. This recreational area is already under resourced and allowing all of the trails to be used by bikers will only contribute to more deterioration and destruction of wild habitat. Due to already thin resources for patrolling, we continue to have problems with drinking and partying in the fells including bonfires. Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

Please conduct a Fells Resource Management Plan so that we can determine the best way to preserve and protect this beautiful resource for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Susan Fineran and Craig Herb

Medford, MA 02155

From: Al Coons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

The Boiler Plate is below.

Personally, as a mountain biker and hiker who lives by The Fells, I don't see expanding the number of trails which are open to mountain biking as a sensible compromise. I believe the present balance is appropriate.

I am a teacher, an outing leader, a biker, a runner, a conservationist -- they all have different needs and push against each other's at times. The impact of mountain biking on the experience of a hiker is very significant. Most bikers are considerate and caring, stopping or moving out the way for hikers. However, the problem is that the tone that is

set when bikers are on a hiking trail (speed, noise, tread path impact) makes for a very diminished experience for the hiker.

Thanks for listenting

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Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Al Coons

Winchester, MA

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:34 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Leslie Brayton

I have almost been run over on several occasions by bikers, and had one scary altercation with one who was on a trail that wasn't marked for bikes. I have tried to wall off stands of Lady Slippers when they are bloom by hauling over tree limbs, but the bikers don't care about the rare native plants that grow in the Fells as far as I can tell.

From: Dorothy Rocklin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:34 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This reservation should be for the protection it's special environments, and for the safety and use of ALL who come to the park, not just mountain bikers!

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

From: Thurman Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Changes

To whom it may concern,

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Don't take that resource away!

Respectfully submitted,

Thurman Smith

Malden, MA 02148

From: Barbara Lynch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Barbara Lynch,

Winchester, MA 01890

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Betsey Spiller

From: Robin & Susan Murray [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed DCR Fells Trails System Plan in the Fells Reservation.

Please please please do NOT accept and do NOT implement the proposed The DCR Fells Trails System Plan in the Fells Reservation. The Fells is a natural resource that you and I have both legal and historic mandates to protect and preserve.

Susan Murray

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Deborah Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Deborah Parker

Medford, MA 02155

From: cbbader@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:39 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Joe Hayes [joeyghayes@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I live in Stoneham and have enjoyed the Fells for many years. Although I can no longer walk my dog in the Fells, as there are too many people violating the leash-law there, and my small dog has been attacked by large, aggressive, unleashed dogs on THREE occasions, I still escape into the Fells whenever I can. As it is, walking along paths puts one at risk from speeding mountainbikers. New changes to the Fells restrictions regarding mountainbikers will, i fear, only make this situation worse. DON'T DO THIS!!

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Thank you,

From: Rob [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:43 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Middlesex Fells comment

I am opposed to opening the trails to mountain bikes without a full and public review of the impact this would have on the Fells, including the trails themselves, wildlife habitat and vegetation. Provision must be made for sufficient number of additional rangers to enforce regulations of mountain bike use.

Regards,
Rob

Rob Truslow

Woburn MA 01801

From: Fred Merk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:44 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Frederick B Merk

Melrose MA 02176

From: Anne Brescia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:41 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Anne Brescia

From: Angela Vitulli [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:49 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I'm a homeowner in Melrose, MA. When I bought my home a year ago, one of the selling points is that it is directly across the street from the Fells. Since moving to Melrose, I greatly enjoy peaceful strolls in the Fells with my husband and my dog.

I am concerned about opening up all of the Fells paths to mountain biking. Mountain biking is currently allowed in select areas of the Fells, balancing the needs of hikers and bikers. The presence of mountain bikers on all trails may overwhelm hikers and lead to safety issues.

Moreover, allowing mountain biking on all trails may cause environmental damage to ecologically sensitive areas of the Fells. DCR should not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

Thank you,

Angela Helman

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Frank Stanford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:52 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Please do not make changes without considering the environmental effect they will have on the very limited natural resources we currently enjoy now.

Thank you,

Frank Stanford

Melrose, MA 02176

From: cjscar [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife for the invaluable resource that it is.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan which is obviously not part of the Commonwealth's priority.

At the pace you are pushing the abuse of the existing Fells I would expect lakefront condos must be a major consideration for future development. I know developers are waiting in the wings with roomy wallets so everyone can profit financially.

Jon D Scarborough
Melrose, MA

From: Brian McAllister [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am an active biker in the Fells as well as a hiker and I do not see the need for such a drastic change in allowed usage. I fear that you are acceding to a vocal minority of users while ignoring a much larger constituency that likely has no idea this is being considered.

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Thank you,

Brian McAllister
Melrose, MA

From: Harry Bochner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For many years now I've been watching the trails in the Fells get eroded by over-use, especially by the use of bikes on hiking trails. I am very concerned about proposals to open more trails to bike use.

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Thank you,

Harry Bochner
Medford, MA

From: Ivana Delalle [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:10 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Ivana Delalle

Medford, MA 02155

From: Michael La Vecchia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:12 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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From: macbook [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Ginny LaCrow

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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To whom it may concern:

The Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Why is this necessary?

- Visitors can forget those moments of solitude and peacefulness on our walks and hikes.
- Visitors will watch as sensitive and rare plant communities are decimated.
- Visitors will witness destruction of Fells wildlife habitats.

- Hordes of mountain bikers will descend for biking events in this once peaceful Reservation.
- The speed and danger of wheeled vehicles on walking paths will threaten the safety of all other Fells visitors.

Who will keep the bikers on the allowed trails only? What will the penalty be for biking willy-nilly all over the Fells? How will rare plants and animal habitats be protected?

Please don't take away this beautiful natural resource. I can't imagine enjoying a Fells hike with bikes whizzing carelessly by, and to have no means of recourse when they fail to obey the trail markings and rules.

Please consider other options!

Deb & Dan Sullivan

Woburn, MA

From: Frances Donovan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Frances Donovan

Arlington, MA 02474

From: Amy Davies [amjo41@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:22 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

Do not let mountain bikes on the trails anywhere in the Fells!!!!

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A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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Thank you,

~Amy Davies

From: Margaret Ris [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:27 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century Middlesex Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Many community members from Stoneham, Winchester, Boston and surrounding communities value the Fells as an extraordinary means to experience nature in this dense urban area.

I urge you to retain the current Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone - not just one subgroup - who enjoys the Fells.

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I ask you to be judicious and cautious before enacting any change to this piece of the Emerald Necklace. That should only come after completion of the Fells Resource Management Plan to insure its continued optimal usage by a maximum number of Boston area residents.

Thank you,
Margaret Shean Ris

Boston, MA 02109

From: Susan Gerould [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am a bike rider and a hiker and feel that each should have their place in the Fells but all trails should not be open to bikers in order to preserve the qualities of solitude and low impact useage.

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Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be

considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Susan Gerould

Medford MA 02155

From: Kim DeAndrade [kimdea@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:30 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

KimDeAndrade

Medford

From: Vincent Marcellino [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:34 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Vincent Marcellino

From: Eileen Sullivan [eileensullivan5@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:37 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Eileen Sullivan

Somerville, MA 0214

From: nygren@gmail.com [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Erik Nygren [erik@nygren.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:45 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan comment --- keep biking limited!

I've heard that there are plans being considered to open up all Middlesex Fells trails to Mountain Biking. As someone who enjoys quiet strolls through the Fells appreciating its nature, I'm extremely worried about the impact that this would have on the environment

of the Fells. I've seen first-hand the damage that is done by the illegal mountain biking on closed trails, and I wouldn't want to see that endorsed and legitimized on a broader scale.

There is a place for mountain bikes alongside hikers, but it should be on a limited subset of trails that are less subject to root damage or erosion and which have adequate sight-lines to ensure hikers aren't in-danger from speeding mountain bikers.

I grew up in Marin Country, California where mountain biking was born, so I have seen many trails and hiking areas destroyed by uncontrolled mountain biking. Please don't let this happen to all (or most) of the Fells' trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erik

From: Sallyann Roth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am a 25 year user (walker) in the fells; I love that place and the peaceful walks I have had there alone and with friends. I look for the tiny orchids and small wild flowers that are an amazing experience to find in this urban environment.

A key reason I bought my house here 25 years ago was because of the Fells and this aspect of it. I can walk to the Fells from where I live and have a peaceful experience in any season.

I plead with you to open this process to all voices, not to create any kind of polarization, but to try and find ways to satisfy many different needs and avoid destroying some to please others.

I have great hope that we can gather together to sort out creative and manageable ways to do this.

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Thank you,

From: Kathleen Simone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

Kathleen Simone
Malden

From: Sally Chapman [chapmansal@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment-no RMP

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. And as an urban park it is a pleasure to encounter multiple other users while enjoying the park.

There is no need for a Fells Resource Management Plan. This is simply tactic for the Freinds of the Fells to avoid working with the mountain biking groups in a spirit of community to find a balance of usage that works best for all. The costs and time required to prepare these plans would prevent the DCR from managing most of their parks for nearly a decade.

Fells plant and wildlife will be best protected by getting the proper amount of skilled trail maintenance for all of the hikers, snow-shoers, skiers, trail running, dog walking, and bikers that use the park.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should should go ahead without a costly Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,
Sally Chapman

From: Jack Ridge [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a

comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

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Thank you,

Jack Ridge

Medford, MA 02155

From: MARIE PERKINS [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank You,
Michael Powers

South Boston MA 02127

From: Daniel Jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Daniel and Janice Jacob

Medford, MA 02155

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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visitors.

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I do not want to see further bike use in the Fells. I frequently walk in the Fells and enjoy this bit of wonderful nature so close to Boston and I already see the detrimental effects of increased bike use in the Fells.

Thank you,
Gail Barry

Medford MA 02155

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Debra Bluth
Cambridge, MA

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:29 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Martha Stearns
Cambridge, MA

From: Joel Snider [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:33 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you, Joel Snider, MD, 9 Allen Street, Cambridge, Ma. 02140 (frequent hiker in the Fells) .

From: Ian Gendreau [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Ian Gendreau

From: Deborah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:38 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: James McCaffrey; Chapter excom plus; Donna Brownell
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

The Fells is a regular haunt of mine because I am carless and can reach it easily via the Oak Grove T station from downtown Boston. I have been there every weekend for the previous month and am concerned that the DCR is selling short hikers, walkers and others who visit the Fells for peace and quiet. I have nothing against bicycles; I ride one myself on roads and bike paths. But I don't think they belong on hiking trails in the Fells. It presents a danger to me and to wildlife because I and they cannot hear the approach of a bike. The surprise is inevitably unpleasant because it scares me and disturbs my solitude, but suppose I was a small critter and couldn't get out of the way in time...

One day recently I saw several Common Garter snakes sunning themselves along-side the Cross Fells Trail. I am sure that mountain bikers never see wildlife because riding and negotiating the technical challenges that the Fells presents is not conducive to a close inspection of flora and fauna.

The DCR does not have the resources to maintain and police the Fells. There are trees down across trails that require detours, and refreshing and replacing signage always needs regular attention. I have worked on the Rock Circuit Trail in years past, and volunteer help makes a difference. While I have concerns about the impact of bicycles on the environment and definitely think they should be prohibited during the Spring thaw, I am on less certain ground in a discussion about relative impacts of different user communities. There are so many ways to quantify impact; this is a piece of the consideration that should be informed by historical and experiential data. For my part, I will only say it can be said that a bicycle is a machine and out of place in a landscape that should first and foremost be protected as a habitat for non-human species.

Protecting the environment, flora and fauna is critical to the whole visitor experience -- one that should involve all the senses in a positive way. Birdsong, the scurrying of squirrels, snakes and other small animals, water flowing and trickling, the diversity of tree and plant life. I would like to be immersed by the sounds of nature, if not be reminded that my needs are secondary to those others.

The Fells is a gem. It has it's problems, but at present they are mostly due to short resources. Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

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Thank you,
Deborah Holt,

Boston, MA 02114

From: Katy Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:40 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Katherine P. Kennedy

Melrose, Ma. 02176

From: downhill7811@comcast.net [downhill7811@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 6:48 PM

To: Fellstrail Comments; Sullivan, Rick (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Middlesex Fells "Fells Trails System Plan"

Dear Commissioner Sullivan & all those concerned,

I am writing to address my concern regarding the proposed Fells Trails System Plan that is soon to be implemented in part in the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Before any such action is taken, DCR must conduct a full scale Resource Management Plan that adequately addresses all usages of the Middlesex Fells and the threats that such usages impose on the property. DCR must also follow the guidelines of NHESP to adequately identify priority habitat and species of concern. Identifying all potential priority habitat has not yet been completed and is a process that could take several seasons to complete.

NHESP has stated its concerns to the DCR Trails Plan architects as follows, "beyond impacts to rare species habitats, dense trail networks can disrupt breeding birds, create lethal barriers to amphibian movement, and compact forest soils, among other impacts to general biodiversity." Please do not ignore the concerns of NHESP.

Currently NEMBA maintains a 6.3 mile mountain bike loop trail in the Middlesex Fells. Mountain bikers in the Fells also have access to over 35 miles of fireroads within.

There are also many illegal trails in use by mountain bikers within the Fells. Illegal trail usage will continue with or without the addition of more mountain bike trails due to the fact that there is no plan in effect that allows state police and rangers to enforce rules and restrictions. This issue must be addressed.

With climate change as it is, can we really define a mud season or limit it to the one month period (March 1-31) that NEMBA is proposing? An increase in mountain bikes during mud season will cause much erosion and disturbance to the forest floor, forever changing the landscape as we now know it.

Should we open up DCR property for after dark usage? NO. Absolutely not. There are species that move about between dusk and dawn that would be adversely affected. There are already enough environmental pressures on these species that threaten their existence. The amphibians, reptiles and mammals that call the Fells their home deserve to be protected.

Also, opening up DCR property to after dark usage will lead to other problems, in particular the safety and protection of those wishing to use the property after dusk. Who will police the property at such times?

Shared usage of trails is not a good idea. Most of the trails are not suitable for this. Hikers, especially those with young children using the trails, should not have to be concerned about a mountain biker flying down the trail and potentially causing injury. Also, the solitude enjoyed by hikers should not be disrupted by mountain bikers.

Fireroads that are shared by bikers and hikers should remain unchanged. They are wide enough to handle both and should perhaps be set up so that bikers can have their own lane.

Should unmarked/unregistered trails (a.k.a illegal trails) be legitimized? NO. There are reasons why trails are not legal and maintained in these areas. Just because there are unmarked/unregistered trails in use does not legitimize making them legal mountain bike trails. Consideration needs to be given to why we conserve open space and the preservation of habitat. Human recreation in the reservation is important, but one must remember that it is a place that we visit. It is not our home. But it is home to many other species and the landscape should not be riddled with more "legal" MBT's or hiking trails for that matter that degrade and erode the forest floor.

This is what NEMBA had to say on 9/07/2010 in response to an upcoming DCR meeting: "We believe DCR knows what the right thing to do is. This meeting will show us whether they can act on that in clear and immediate ways."

They also stated the following on 6/7/2010: "Don't be afraid to express your outrage (appropriately) that DCR is backing away from their planning process and yielding to those

who can't share A PUBLIC RESOURCE THAT WE ALL SUPPORT THROUGH OUR TAX DOLLARS."

It is my understanding that the reservation is a "Natural Resource", not a Public Resource as NEMBA views it.

Therefore in response I have to ask you, Mr. Sullivan, what is the right thing to do? Is it not to protect natural resources and promote and regulate responsible recreation on DCR property? I urge you to promote responsible usage of the Middlesex Fells Reservation so as to protect habitat, prevent degradation of the landscape and provide a safe place for all to recreate.

Please do not allow mountain biking lobbyist such as NEMBA to unduly influence the decision making process. As the past has proven time and time again, trail usage must be regulated.

Please take the time to address all of the issues, to come up with a Resource Management Plan for the Middlesex Fells and to adequately survey for priority habitat and species of concern in accordance with the guidelines put forth by NHESP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Miller

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Linda Robinson [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:00 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Please continue to reserve certain trails and areas for non bikers

As a somewhat older walker/hiker, I frequently use the trails that are supposedly off limits to mountain bikes. Imagine me blithely scrambling up a hill and having to jump off the path because two or three bikes come barreling down. It happens now, but the restrictions do provide me with a clear primary right to the path.

I am not a naturalist, so I am not sure how serious the effects will be on the natural habitat and erosion of less restricted bike usage. A full environmental resource impact plan should be done prior to changing the rules and creating conditions that will permit sanctioned, rather than illicit, use of large areas of the Fells reservation in a much more invasive manner. The torrential rains this year washed away a lot of soil and made some trails difficult to use for a while - further destruction of vegetation cannot be a good idea.

Thank you,
Linda Robinson
Arlington, MA

From: Mary Evenson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Personally, I have lived in Medford since 1998 and I have hiked the trails on nearly a daily basis since then, in all seasons. I recently encountered a couple who was hiking and they commented on the peacefulness being like 'paradise'. I have witnessed destruction of the habitat and existing trails on Rams Head Hill that has been done by mountain bikers, digging holes in the soil in order to build-up biking ramps and jumps. This destruction scars the land and kills the plants, significantly disrupting the ecology of this treasured green space.

Thank you,
Mary Evenson

Medford, MA 02155

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:18 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

I have lived in this area all of my life and the Fells is one of the major resources that cannot be overlooked.

Please do not change the policy that has governed this area.

Sincerely,

Judy Tanner

Wakefield MA 01880

From: Sarah Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. There has already been significant damage and degradation to parts of the Skyline Trail by illegal mountain bike usage.

Thank you,
Sarah Thompson

Winchester, MA 91890

From: Candelman4 [candelman4@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern, For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. Thank you,

From: Katherine McVety [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:45 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

We chose to buy a home in Medford, in large part, because of its proximity to the Fells. We are a young family and enjoy peaceful hiking with our children as well as running and hiking there on our own. Any change in trails usage that expands biking will drastically reduce the safety of the Fells for non-bikers. We often jump out of the way of bikers. Last year, I had a near miss while grabbing my son to pull him from the trail as a lone biker raced by. I was six months pregnant and would have been hit if we were not very alert and quick. We were on a trail closed to bikers.

Anyone who hikes regularly in the Fells will confirm that there is little to no policing of the area or enforcement of rules. In six years, I have never seen anyone from the DCR in the Fells. Dog walkers let their dogs defecate on and off trails and do not keep them on a leash. It is impossible to imagine that the increase in biking will be monitored any more rigorously. Non-bikers will be unsafe and the environment will be degraded. It's bad enough now, why make it worse? Why not value such a gift?

If the Fells changes in the way now proposed, we will be looking for our new home in a community with safe access to shared natural space. It will be a shame if the Fells changes in this way and we will miss the area.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Katherine McVety
Powder House Road, Medford

From: Andrea V. Doukas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:47 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Protect the Fells!

To whom it may concern:

Please protect the Fells from the damage that would be done by proposed new bike use!

For over a century, the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. More than ever, we need to preserve these natural havens.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all who visit the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Andrea Doukas

Brookline, MA 02446

From: GAIL NORCROSS [gnorcross@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask you to wait for, review, and consider the details of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan prior to making any changes in the Fells trail usage.

My family has enjoyed the Fells for over 22 years. My son often runs in the Fells: something he has been doing since he was a High School Cross Country runner. My husband used to take hour long walks in the Fells every Sunday while our daughter took ice skating lessons at the skating rink close by. My neighbors with young children frequent the Fells. We all, in our own way, value and appreciate what the Fells has to offer. Opening hiking trails to bike use could significantly change and put at potential risk, not only the safety of our children's access to the Fells, but the serenity and wonder the Fells currently offers.

I would like the Fells plant and wildlife to be protected for generations to come. I would like my grandchildren to be able to experience the Fells as it is today: a beautiful, serene oasis. A safe place for all plants, wildlife, and visitors.

Please make any changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Gail Norcross

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Elisabeth Sylvan [lisard@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

We take our 3 year-old and 18 month to the Fells regularly. It is a place we know that they can walk in peace, wander around the trail, and look at things without concern for being run over by bikes or cars. I run there regularly and it is a place where I can find peace. This is a rare resource on our side of the city that our family appreciates tremendously.

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Thank you,
Elisabeth Sylvan

From: Eli Daniel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,
Eli Daniel

Somerville, MA 02144

From: Emily Munoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

Emily Munoz
Somerville, MA

From: Donene Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Donene Williams

Somerville MA 02143

From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:28 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

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A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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Thank you,

From: Joseph Zamparelli, Jr. [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:29 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I write in opposition to the expansion of Middlesex Fells Mountain Bike access.

Biking is currently allowed in the Fells, I'm sure mountain bikers want more access, but I want to be able to walk with my family without fear. We already need to be careful on the larger trails/roads, and that's ok, I'm glad to see the bikers enjoying themselves, and I'm glad they have a place to do it, but they have enough.

I'm a fan of target shooting, archery and hunting, but I wouldn't want to see that in the Fells. In a community of dense population and limited woodland acreage, we must share our resources. Mountain bikers shouldn't be excluded, neither should they get the run of the Fells.

Please, no expansion of the rules, at least not until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

All the best-

Joseph Zamparelli, Jr.

Medford, MA 02155-2440

From: Marianne Long [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:33 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern:

For the last ten years my family and I have enjoyed walking, hiking, picnicking, and boating throughout the reservations. I respectfully ask that you do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Kind Regards,

Marianne, Brian and Nick Long

Melrose, MA 02176

From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:38 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Marie Gonsalo

Melrose, MA 02176

From: John Hostage [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:42 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety

impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Mountain bikes cause far more damage to trails than hiking or walking. Bikes are incompatible with the enjoyment and safety of hikers on the trails.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

John Hostage

Watertown, MA 02472

From: Arthur Daiopulos [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:01 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

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Thank you,

From: Lori Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:16 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Protect the Reservation

To whom it may concern, For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,
Lori Green

From: Mindy Arbo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. We have lived in Winchester for 25 years, and the ability to walk in a peaceful quiet woodland setting- was the main draw to our moving here.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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An RMP is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

As employees of a state agency, we look to you to uphold the interests of local Fells area residents. Woods have always been places of peace and quiet and communing with nature. Speeding bikes with riders yelling, is not our idea of peace and quiet. If, after an RMP, mountain bikes are eventually given access, we request that this access be limited to a set area where walkers/hikers are less frequent.

Thank you,
The Cotton-Arbo family

winchester ma 01890

From: Katherine Landry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

Katherine

From: Elizabeth M. R. McCullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature, and has meant a great deal to my husband and I. We moved to Boston from a very rural community in Northern Michigan in 2007, and both had a difficult

time adjusting to life in the city. The Fells has been our escape for almost four years now. It breaks our hearts to imagine those peaceful trails clogged with mountain bikers and beautiful Fells habitats destroyed. PLEASE, do not allow such detrimental changes to occur.

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Thank you,

Elizabeth M. R. McCullen
Thomas M. Babinec

From: Anne McClintock [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:53 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Anne McClintock

Medford, MA 02155

From: Thomas Thiers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:55 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,
Thomas Thiers

From: Connie MacDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Connie MacDonald

Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Maria Grunwald [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:58 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Maria Grunwald

Malden, MA 02148

From: Martha Irwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

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Thank you,

From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:41 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern at DCR -

For over a century the Middlesex Fells Reservation has served as a place where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife communities, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

I am a resident of Lexington, MA, where recently our local ConCom responded to resident concerns regarding degradation of local conservation property by dog owners and professional dog walkers. Trails, plant life and wildlife in the Willard's Woods area were all negatively impacted through overuse of the property by one particular population. There is now a compromise plan in place that took into account comments by ALL users. Perhaps the DCR could live up to the CONSERVATION portion of its name and take a similar approach.

Thank you,
Barbara Tarrh

Lexington, MA

From: Tim Clegg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:54 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Timothy Clegg
Medford, Mass

From: Virginia Fuller [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:06 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Virginia Fuller

Belmont MA 02478

From: Louann Larson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:11 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

My family and I have been enjoying the wild beauty of the Fells for the past 26 years, since moving to Malden. We especially value the opportunity to hike on the narrow, gently-used rock circuit trails where we are able to observe a wonderful array of plants, birds, and other wildlife.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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Thank you,
Louann Larson
Malden, MA

From: Mary A. Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

From: Alicia Hintlian [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Sincerely,
Alicia Hintlian

From: Duke Briscoe [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 12:37 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Duke Briscoe

Arlington, MA 02474

From: jiffy0552@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:04 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern:

For over a century the Middlesex Fells has served as a reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Please do not change trail usage there until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, for example, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect at-risk plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should be considered only as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,
Martin Lerman, [REDACTED], Watertown, MA 02472

From: Rex Huang [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 3:34 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Rex Huang
Resident of Winchester, MA

From: Leslie Kramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:11 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Leslie Kramer
Medford, MA
(resident since 1977)

From: Margaret Lankow [mlankow@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:55 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Earl W Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:55 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

From: Helen Gillis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:11 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Helen M. Gillis

Malden, MA 02148

From: janet polcaro [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:23 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

As we all know, once a privilege is granted, it is very difficult to take it away.

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Right now, the children can run ahead for a little distance, enjoying freedom not easily experienced in today's world. If there are bikers on the trail, it would be too dangerous as a bike's approach is sometimes very quiet, but fast.

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Sincerely,

Janet Polcaro [REDACTED] Medford MA 02155

From: Connolly, Katherine [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:27 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Kathy Connolly

Medford, MA 02155

From: Valiente, Marta [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:37 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Groden Suzy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:47 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: J Sullivan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:50 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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A major consideration in the purchase of my house was the proximity to the Fells. I regularly walk in the Fells for relaxation and exercise. Allowing wider access to bikers will deprive me and others who enjoy the solitude of the woods. The very nature of biking is in conflict with a quiet appreciation of wild places. While the Fells may be compromised by its proximity to urban areas, it offers an opportunity for those of us who live here to slow down and savor the world around us. Surely there is a better place for folks who want to challenge themselves with speed and rough trails to enjoy their pass-time - it should not be at the expense of those of us who have been appreciating the fells over the years in more traditional ways .

Thank you,
J Sullivan
Melrose

From: Joe Connolly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:54 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Joseph Connolly

Medford, MA 02155

From:

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:57 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

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Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. Once the Fells is damaged, the restoration costs would be prohibitive.

Thank you,
Kathryn Vitiello

Medford, MA

From: Stubbs Family [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:05 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
George Stubbs
Melrose, MA

From: Joanne L Cummings [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:14 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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I enjoy daily walks in the Fells and already notice how the bikes have damaged some trails. Please preserve this incredible resource that so many of us treasure.

Thank you,

Joanne Cummings

From: Barry Goldstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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In particular, opening up almost all the Fells trails to biker would completely ruin the experience for those of us who just want to walk around, free of fear of being run down. Not to mention the erosive nature of mountain bikes.

And since enforcement of the existing restrictions on mountain biking is pathetic, the bikers will essentially take over ALL the trails: given an inch (a very big inch), they'll take the mile.

Thank you,
Barry Goldstein

Newtonville, MA

From: Gail Harkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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From: Hodgson, Mark O [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Mark Hodgson

From: Mathew Helman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:19 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

Less than a year ago, my wife and I moved to Melrose, literally across the street from the Fells. That was one of the selling points of moving where we moved. It is a pleasure and a privilege to have such close access to the Fells. That is why I am writing to you today to please not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. Any rushed changes would harm the ability of everyone to enjoy the Fells to the fullest and to the safest.

Thank you,
Mathew Helman
[REDACTED], Melrose

From: Bobby Powers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Bob & Marge Powers

Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Jeana McNeil [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells

Dear DCR,

You have a critical responsibility in the upcoming decision about trails usage at the Fells. I am concerned that DCR is short cutting the process and yielding to pressure from certain interest groups, and as a result aborting the proper review processes. Your decision will impact the reservation for decades to come. For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

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Sincerely,
Jeana McNeil
Melrose, MA

From: Julie Meyers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:51 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells trail usage

To whom it may concern,

New England is a beautiful place, but near the big cities there is very little nature to be shared among many people with many different interests.

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Thank you,

Julie Meyers

From: Peter Brenc [elllano@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 11:02 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Alex (home) Wolsk [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 12:26 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Alex Wolsk

From: Rebecca and Matthew [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 12:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I walk in the Fells regularly myself, with my children and with my dog. I thoroughly appreciate the large network of trails and the accessibility of the trails for all kinds of people right in the middle of so many communities.

I feel that if the trails are opened to mountain biking people who want to use the trails for walking will be much more reluctant to do so. As it is when I run into mountain bikers who currently use the trails (not sure if they are supposed to be there) I feel unsafe and I feel as if they think I am in their way. They go so fast and you need to jump off the trail to get out of their way.

Mountain bikers tend to be from one cohort - the ones I see are mostly men in their 20s and 30s. Given the need for people of all ages and abilities to get exercise I think the Fells should remain a comfortable place for all people to go in order to commune with nature and get exercise without needing to fear for their safety.

I would sincerely ask that you not open the Fells trails to mountain biking.

Thank you,

Rebecca Dempster

Melrose, MA

From:

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:07 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Jessica Panzarino

Malden ma

From: John Lewis [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:01 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: Deborah Holt; Jay McCaffrey

Subject: Fells trails comments from John Lewis

Dear Sirs,

As a user of the Fells trail system and having much experience with the, planning, use and regulation of natural public open space in the Boston area I would make several practical comments about the Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) that is in process..

It is important to have the whole RMP agreed upon and functional before changes are made because

- 1) Any use that is presently permitted is very difficult to change without a lot of work.
- 2) Any existing use that is not permitted is just as difficult to change.
- 3) Weak enforcement against a destructive use translates in a short time into a permitted use.
- 4) A partial implementation of a plan causes confusion, allowing anybody to interpret the rules as they wish.

It is important that there be no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should happen until the RMP process is finished. for the above reasons. There are many more good reasons, but destructive uses will take place in a very short time-frame if the RMP process is not completed properly, and rapidly become irreversible politically.

Thank you ,

John Lewis
[REDACTED] , Boston 02116

From: Anita Gerrein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Anita Gerrein and John Gerrein

Winchester, MA 01890

From: pbrownlis1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:31 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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phil brown
melrose mass

From: Evelyn Gladu [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:40 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Evelyn Gladu

Melrose MA 02176

From: Jeannette Chechile [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Jeannette Chechile

From: Jane Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Jane Carter
Medford, MA

From: Richard Cannava [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 3:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Richard J. Cannava

From: Chris Vogan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. I walk the trails daily and love the quiet, peaceful time taking pictures of plants and wildlife all year around. I urge you to not change Fells trail usage until after

completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan has been fully and appropriately conducted.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This Plan would certainly take into consideration the history of these great woods and protect Fells plant and wildlife, along with ensuring the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Being a nature enthusiast and nature digital photographer. I have run into several bikers already who have asked me to move out of the way on a very narrow hiking path so they could continue along. I chose this area for the fact that there is something for everyone here at the Fells. I'm concerned not only for my safety but also have bikers zooming along the trail scaring wildlife away which would destroy the opportunity to capture local wildlife in the natural habitat.

We all should be able to enjoy the solitude of the Fells and changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Christine Vogan

Medford, MA 02155

From: Virgilius DiBiase [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:29 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
DiBiase, Virgilius L.

Belmont MA 02478-1711

From: Kenneth Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Kenneth J. Cook

From: Bob Buote [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Robert Buote
Melrose, MA

From: joseph maddox [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:45 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject:

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Please do not allow this essential resource to be damaged any further. It must be preserved for us now and the generations that will follow.

Thank you,

Joseph T. Maddox

Everett, MA 02149

From: Nancy Free [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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The DCR is supposed to protect the natural resources of the Commonwealth, not stand by while they are destroyed. What is wrong with DCR?
The current proposed changes to usage of the Middlesex Fells would open many, if not all, trails to mountain bike use with ruinous results to the natural beauty and peacefulness of the Fells.

Thank you,
Nancy Free
Malden MA

From:
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells

Please do not open Fells hiking trails to mountain bikes. This will adversely impact this wonderful reservation.

Joe Leary

Medford, Ma

From: npchoralfa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:25 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

William Page

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Joseph Gerrein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From:
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:50 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com...
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Tanya McCloskey

Malden, Ma 02148

From: Sally Brennan [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Marcia Kadish [marcia.kadish@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 7:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Marcia Kadish
East Border Road Extension resident

Malden, MA 02148

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 7:22 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Kathleen Kelley

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:11 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Protect the Fells

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. As a family we enjoy walks in the Fells at least weekly. It is an incredible resource that keeps us tuned in to nature in this otherwise busy metropolitan area in which we live.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan!

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. (As it stands now we see many a biker on trails that are not marked for biking).

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

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Thank you,

Susan Amirault and John Keegan

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Michael Weinreich [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:34 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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One of the major benefits of the Fells to area residents is the peaceful ambling on the trails, relatively quiet compared with the environment in the surrounding neighborhoods, with only foot traffic on the trails. Allowing mountain bikes on the trails would seriously degrade this benefit.

Thank you,

Michael Weinreich

Lancaster MA 01523

From: Katherine Messier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:56 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to the Fells Reservation. For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate

nature. The proposed changes will threaten the wildlife and peaceful enjoyment of the nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A comprehensive review is essential to fully understand the detrimental impact of the biking trails. A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions 781-369-1608

Thank you,

Kate Messier
27 Franklin Rd.
Winchester, MA 01890

From: David Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I understand that there are already sufficient trails for bike use. A real effort needs to be made to maintain the walking trail system which is much gentler on the natural environment. This large tract of protected natural land is unusual so close to urban areas. The comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan should be completed before any trail use changes are considered.

Thank you,

David Clarke

Concord, MA

From: John Kyper [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:37 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

John Kyper

Roxbury 02119

From: cristine cardello [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature, in a quiet setting.

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Thank you,
Cristine Cardello

Melrose, MA

From: [REDACTED] []

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:48 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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I walk in the Fells almost daily and have observed bikes everywhere, regardless of signage. The land erodes from bike use is dramatic and damaging. I sincerely hope this can be contained to the wider, packed pathways, but what I've encountered is bikers pushing through the most delicate foliage looking for biking challenges and certainly not in the Fells to experience the beauty and serenity that will disappear if biking continues at this level.

Barbara Bing

From: Zhaohui Wang [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:27 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Joey Wang

Stoneham, MA

From: Bob Vincent [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 5:50 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Robert Vincent
Mary Vincent

Wakefield, MA 01880

From: Ernie Sarro [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 6:10 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Ernest Sarro

Winthrop, MA 02152

From: Brad and Nancy Toney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 6:45 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Nancy Toney

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Aimee Tow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 9:24 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Aimee Tow

Somerville, MA 02144

From: Cindy Quealy [cquealy@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject:

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Thank you,

Cynthia and John Quealy

Winchester, MA

From: annie dickey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

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Annie Dickey

[REDACTED], Lexington, Ma 02421

From: Julie Ebin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. I enjoy the peace and quiet of hiking in the Fells without the disturbances -- sound-wise, erosion, and beauty-wise -- that mountain bikers have created in other hiking locations.

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Thank you,
Julie Ebin

From: Krista Basis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 11:33 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
Krista Basis

Melrose MA 02176

From: neskie neskie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject:

I strongly support enhancing mountain biking experiences and opportunities within the Fells! I also strongly support lifting mountain biking restrictions (both seasonal and trail restrictions)!

Thank you

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Draft Plan

To whom it may concern,

I recently had the pleasure of reading 2010 trail system plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation and as a mountain biker; I was elated to see significant progress made towards trail access and park improvements. Having ridden and enjoyed the trails in this wonderful reservation for years, I have at times been very frustrated with some of the conditions and impositions placed upon mountain bikers that I see this trail plan correcting. Namely, initiatives

6.2 Maintain, Improve, and Close Trails in Cooperation with Stewardship Partners

This is, I believe, one of the more important points within the draft plan that not only emphasizes the desire to provide better constructed/maintained trails, but also seeks to establish trails that are enjoyable for all parties. It is important that feedback from all parties is sought as each possesses certain, unique skills that can benefit users of the Fells. Healthy partnerships with entities that can step in and provide assistance when the DCR does not have the resources to do so are a step in the right direction.

6.3 Improve Trail Systems Map and Signage

The current trail map/signage is, at the moment, very inadequate. There are a multitude of trails and connecting trails lacking any identifying information. It would, in my opinion, be a worthwhile effort for the Fells to follow the example of the Blue Hills Reservation South of Boston. By labeling trail intersections with numbers corresponding to an official map, navigation would be simplified significantly.

6.9 Improve Mountain Biker Trail Use Experience

I cannot stress enough how important it is to uphold the following point, "Work with stakeholders, such as the FOF, to encourage their members to be respectful of mountain bikers in the Fells." It is unfortunate to see a group such as the Friends of the Fells preclude mountain bikes from the many activities listed on their site. Trail use by bicycles is vilified, and several statements on their website seek to uphold this general hostility. They state that the draft trail plan includes provisions to, "create three mountain bike trails from Bear Hill to Sheepfold." This is either a deliberate attempt to mislead people into believing that new trails will be cut through "undisturbed woodlands", or a lack of reading comprehension as the plan clearly states that the routes will be established on existing trails. It goes on to say that a new mountain bike trail will be created to link Flynn Rink to the south end of Spot Pond. In no way does the draft trail plan say this, as again, it clearly states it will be an "all persons trail." The lies put forth by the Friends of the Fells are a shameful reflection on their organization and demonstrates the disrespectful attitude its leadership has adopted towards bike use in the Fells. I would like to see this hostility addressed in the future to reduce the number of uncomfortable interactions between these two stewardship partners.

I do however see room for improvement. Initiative 6.8 mentions the possibility for user designated times. I can only imagine that the goal of this is to reduce conflicts between certain users groups, but it all precludes individuals whose schedules do not fit into these arranged times to enjoy the Fells. I take great objection to this initiative.

In summary, I am excited to see the DCR finally addressing the issue of mountain bike access. The histogram representing user interests is a clear indicator that a strong majority is in favor of expanding bike access beyond its current levels. I am hopeful that this plan is executed with the cooperation of the stewardship parts and that we can all enjoy the park to its fullest in 2011. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to speak further concerning my comments. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Tim Souza

From: Mary Beth MARGOLIS [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 3:38 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

As an Alderman at Large for the City of Melrose, I believe the DCR has a legal and ethical obligation to undertake a complete Fells Resource Management Plan. before considering any changes that would impact the Middlesex Fells Reservation and I am requesting such be performed. Many of my constituents enjoy the pristine beauty of this resource and instituting changes that would have long term, possibly irreversible affects, is not only irresponsible but downright arrogant. Is it any wonder our citizens are concerned about public agencies being held accountable to taxpayers when indiscriminate decisions are made affecting their quality of life? Please do not allow DCR to become one of these agencies.

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Thank you,

Mary Beth McAteer-Margolis

Alderman at Large
City of Melrose

From: Lee Swislow [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells draft plan

I appreciate the work involved in creating the draft plan and support much of what is in the plan.

However, I strongly believe that there should be off leash dog opportunities. I have hiked extensively in state parks and conservation areas in New Hampshire where dogs must be in leash or voice control. This includes Bear Brook State Park, on multiuse trails shared by hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and off leash dogs. This is an extremely workable approach and one I think the DCR should follow in the Fells.

Lee Swislow
[REDACTED] Cambridge MA 02139

From: Anthony Gabrielson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:58 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Comments

Hello DCR/Paul,

After reading Middlesex Fells Draft Plan I have serious concerns. While some of these concerns align well with the plan, one specific item does not. I agree that there are too many trails in Fells and they need to be reduced and signage improved. I also agree that it is in the Commonwealth's best interest to reduce maintenance costs and increase stakeholder buy in by formalizing relationships with organizations that do good in the park. With that said I disagree that some premiere trails should be single use – in this case hiker.

The standard in the Fells should be shared use; perhaps in a few specific areas single use should be considered. This approach is needed for many reasons including:

- 1) 1) It has been proven that an undesirable element moves in to areas that are off limits.
- 2) 2) For stakeholder buy in park access should be fair and equitable, not such that it eliminates access to the premiere trails in the park just for certain users.
- 3) 3) A single use plan will reduce stakeholder buy in and increase the financial burden in a time that the Commonwealth cannot afford it.

These reasons just begin to scratch the surface why all or most trails should be multi-use.

I've been Mountain Biking for almost 10 years. In that time period I've become a trail guide – in the fells and a Mountain Bike Patroller. Over the same period I've ridden many DCR parks and I've discovered the ones that work the best are the ones that provide fair and equitable use for all shareholders. Park's like Lowell Dracut and Lynn Woods should be the standard and not the exception – they work well and prove there is no reason to reinvent trail access. I would really like to buy-in to this plan and I will not be able to as it is currently written.

Thanks for your time,
Anthony Gabrielson

From: Anne Covino Goldenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 5:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you, Anne Covino Goldenberg

From: anne hilliard [abhpg@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 7:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

From: Jean Curran [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Protect the Fells

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to oppose the opening of new bike trails. As an avid walker and hiker of the Fells I feel that more needs to be done to protect the trails and make it a safe place for walkers, hikers and a place where we can bring our children to enjoy the natural beauty. I personally have had close encounters with the people who bike the trails and they ride at high rates of speed and can appear out of nowhere. They are a nuisance and a hazard. There are many other places for these people to ride their bikes and it shouldn't be in the Fells.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jean Curran

Woburn, MA 01801

From: Theron Hermann [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 11:11 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Theron Hermann

Arlington MA 02474

From: Bruce Schwartzman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 12:53 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Comment about the Draft Plan.

I wanted to comment on the draft plan. I have a few comments and a few questions.

- 1) If the Friends of the Fells (FOF) wants no major trail changes to occur until the RMP is completed, then why are they assisting with this project: Bird Meadow Restoration at 90 mm Site . Shouldn't a RMP have been completed before nature was disturbed. According to the FOF website the Bird Meadow Restoration meant cutting and clearing land? What are they restoring? It sounds to me like the Friends of the Fells killed many trees and shrubs so they could engage in bird watching. I would have hoped that they would leave nature alone and protect the Fells as their website claims. They state that they are restoring the land to meadow? Why was it meadow? Because of farming? Because of the 90MM site? Nature takes its course which is to turn a meadow into woods. I find it very hypocritical that the FOF is worried about existing trails having more usage, but they are fine with artificially manipulating the forest for their bird watching pleasure?
- 2) If the Friends of the Fells (FOF) wants no major trail changes to occur until the RMP is completed, then why are they assisting with this project: Major Trail work – installing stairs? It seems that a more natural path would be to not install massive stairs in a forest? Do deer and fox and turkey like large stairs? I understand water bars and wood walkways over mud, but massive stairs. I feel like I am not in the woods when I am hiking and come to stair cases built by moving huge rocks?
- 3) If the DCR holds off with any major trail maintenance until a RMP is complete, as requested by the FOF and their powerful wealthy backers (Sierra Club, Audubon Society),

will the FOF then allow the DCR to make changes to trail usage once the RMP is complete? Even if it means allowing other users other than hikers to have access to the trails? Or will they come up with some other argument or lawsuit further wasting tax payers dollars?

This is the real question. I do not fully understand the RMP and I am willing to go along with the FOF and have it completed first, but only if they put in writing that once the study is done, that if the DCR decides based on the study to modify some of the existing rules that the FOF will not fight those changes.

I use the Fells for the following: hiking, trail running, walking my dogs, running my dogs, mountain biking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing. I also love observing the wildlife. I am a multi user. I do not want to Fells to turn into a mountain biking play ground. Just like I do not want to Fells turned into a dog park, or a x-c ski park or a snow shoe only park. I prefer to continue to be able to enjoy all aspects of the Fells. I find people on bikes, trail runners, x-c skiers, people with dogs, bird watchers all mostly pleasant. I would hate to have any trails limited for dog use, bike use, hiker use, trail running use. I think the motto should be – Can't we all get along? Is Harold State Park a mountain bikers playground?

I do find it offensive that the DCR is being accused of that by the FOF. (see text below taken from their website). The DCR has a difficult job to do and they do it well with limited funds. Keep up the good work and keep striving to maintain a healthy balance of resource usage.

From: Bruce Schwartzman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:05 AM
To: friends@fells.org
Cc: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: FW: Comment about the Draft Plan.

Hello Friends of the Fells. I guess you forgot to put: Mountain biking and hiking damage?

This is the orange trail. I guess all the hikers and FOF people just fly over this? Or do they walk around it to keep from getting mud on their shoes? How long did this take for the FOF to fix? It took years. Maybe if FOF spent less of their time and money fighting everyone in court and more of their time and money on trail work, they would have fixed this before it got out of hand.

NEMBA would have had this fixed in a month if allowed to do work on this trail. Nice work FOF.

Trail Restoration Works! (really? I wonder why NEMBA has its own trailer, tools and a huge supply of young strong workers? What does the FOF have?)

[embedded picture]

Mountain bike damage to hiking trail before bog bridge

From: David Desmond [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:26 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,
David Desmond

From: Eileen Mullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 7:48 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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Thank you,

Eileen Mullen
Stoneham, MA

From: Danya Rumore [danya.rumore@fulbrightmail.org]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on the Middlesex Fells draft plan

Dear Department of Conservation and others,

I am writing to express my strong interest in a more inclusive, collaborative approach to resource use and environmental management in the Middlesex Fells. As a scholar and professional in the area of resource and environmental management, I am disappointed to hear that--despite all of the recent community discussions, surveys, etc. regarding potentially altering the Fells management plan and making the state park more accessible to different resource users--the current draft Fells plan remains very protectionist and prohibitive. I am a conservationist and am first and foremost committed to preserving the quality and integrity of our natural spaces (and, as someone who has lived in many places throughout the U.S. and abroad and therefore recognizes what a true gem the Fells is for the Boston Region!); however, I feel that continuing a protectionist approach in the Fells will not best achieve true conservation and proactive environmental management for that area. Instead, I firmly believe that the management focus needs to be shifted from restricting and 'keeping people out' toward empowering a variety of resource users to effectively engage in responsible use and preservation of the park.

Of particular interest, I highly recommend opening more trails to mountain bike users. I am a mountain biker and have been very impressed with how committed mountain bikers in the region are to maintaining trails, protecting fragile areas, and otherwise preserving the integrity of the Fells. From my experience, it seems that restricting mountain biking to only the 'mountain biking loop' turns likely preservationists into illegal resource users, as mountain bikers choose to illegally use other trails for a lack of other

reasonable options. While I fully believe that not all areas should be mountain-biker friendly, I also firmly believe that mountain bikers in the Fells use the trails respectfully and considerately, and that engaging and empowering stakeholders such as NEMBA through opening up more trails to mountain biking use will prove more effective in achieving long-term sustainable management than will trying to keep them out (especially as enforcing ineffective restrictions is very costly and typically is not the most effective use of the DCR's money, time, and energy).

Additionally, I encourage the DCR to revise the dog regulations for the Park. While running and riding through the park, I often encounter dogs who are off leash, and have never had an issue with any unrestrained dog anywhere in the fells. Nor have I seen any evidence that these dogs are a harm to the local wildlife, or a danger to the integrity of the park's ecology. I do think that dog owners must be responsible for their pets and I am in full support of strong penalties for irresponsible owners, but feel that imposing on-leash-only limitations is not effective and needlessly makes responsible dog owners into law-breakers.

Based upon my studies, research, and professional experience in community-based environmental management, I think that the 'solution' lies in engaging all stakeholders who use and value the Fells, and encouraging them to be responsible resource users rather than violating them through imposing needless restrictions on them. And I hope that the DCR is willing to implement a more innovative, forward-looking strategy in the Fells that seeks to bring people in and empower them to be good stewards, rather than trying to keep them out.

I apologize for the long-winded comment, but effective resource management is something I am passionate about and, as someone who is dedicated to good stewardship of New England's fabulous natural resources, I truly hope that a more proactive, empowering approach to management will be implemented in the Middlesex Fells. Please contact me if you have any concerns or if you or anyone else wishes to discuss this more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindest regards and cheers,
Danya Lee Rumore
Independent Environmental Consultant
M.Sc. Environmental Geography and Environmental Management
2008 Fulbright Grantee to New Zealand

From: amber frame [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Amber Frame

From: Scott Malone [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells trail plan...

Hello,

I write to you as a frequent user of the Middlesex Fells to support the plans to change some of the usage practices. I am a hiker, dog owner and mountain biker and I am glad to see park management looking toward opening up more sections of trail to mountain bike users. Mountain bikers, particularly through NEMBA, play an active role in maintaining the park and by opening more of it to compatible uses like cycling, park management can help to deter the illicit uses that continue in some parts.

Most of the other parks in Massachusetts allow mountain bikers and hikers to use the same trails and in the other parks I frequent, this has not led to conflict. Most cyclists are responsible and courteous to other park users, and that's an experience I've seen both from the saddle and as a hiker.

Thanks for your hard work in the upkeep of this park. I look forward to the day when more of it is open to me as a cyclist.

Best regards,

Scott Malone

Cambridge, MA 02139

From: David Zinn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 11:14 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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David Zinn

From: Bob Morrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 11:27 AM
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Thank you,

From: Cathy McLaughlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 11:33 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: fells trails plan comment

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Catherine McLaughlin
Kumar C Keshavan
Chellamal Keshavan
Jayram Keshavan

Medford, MA 02155

From: Karin Turer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on DCR draft Fells plan

To Whom it May Concern,

I was at the meeting in Medford in September where the Fells Draft Plan was introduced. I am a multi-use user of the Fells. My main use is mountain-biking but I also hike and bird-watch there. In the winter I xc-ski there on the rare occasions that it is possible. In general, I thought the DCR did an excellent job on the Draft plan - I feel it was balanced well between the needs and desires of the hiking and biking communities. I appreciate your putting in writing that all users generally have equal impact on the trails. I also think that by shortening the winter bike ban to March only, there is a better chance of adherence to this. Riding in mud is definitely one way that mtn bikers get a bad reputation.

One thing that I think would help, as I think about possible conflict points between mountain bikers and hikers, is to work on eliminating the surprise factor. People don't like to be surprised by a mountain bike suddenly appearing out of nowhere and blasting by. So I would propose that extra signage (and I'm sure you could work with NEMBA to make this happen) could be posted in conflict-potential areas. The blind corner in between gates 18 and 19 is the biggest of these, but also other narrow hills with the potential for fast riding....there's a rocky hill on the mtnbike loop east of gate 19 - a rider coming down that would certainly spook a hiker. The signage could say something about "Mountain Bikers please control your speed / share the trail" or something like that. Again, I think NEMBA could help with this.

I had some thoughts about ways to enable that walkers/dogs don't wreck the xc ski tracks on the few possible ski days in the Fells, but that seems like a lot of work for something very ephemeral.

Overall, I applaud your plan and think my suggestions could help ease the transition to increased trail-sharing.

Best regards,
Karin Turer

Arlington, MA 02474

From: JANIS VANHEUKELOM [jvanh2001@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 1:03 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Janis VanHeukelom

Malden, MA 02148

From: Nita Penfold [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 3:10 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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Bonita Penfold

From: Giuliana Marcellino [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 8:05 PM
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From: CELIA SCHULHOFF [lila404@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 8:43 PM
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Thank you,

From: Ann Armstrong [alarmstrong@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 9:18 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

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From: Elizabeth Golding [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 7:55 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Mountain Biking in The Fells

I moved to Melrose from Cambridge 8 years ago, in large part, because of The Fells. I hike there most Sundays throughout the year. Like most

people who visit the Fells regularly, I love it. My husband and I plan to leave money from our estate for improvements to The Fells.

I believe that The Fells should be used by all people for various types of recreation. However, allowing mountain bikers on all the trails is a very bad idea. From a purely selfish point of view, it changes my hike from a quiet, wilderness experience to one where the bikers, typically a small pack of young men, are racing each other and are charging up from behind, shouting at me to move out of their way QUICKLY. I can move quickly, but not everyone can - which poses a safety risk. Mountain biking disturbs the wildlife, tramples the fauna and widens the trails. I don't begrudge the enjoyment people get from mountain biking, but can't we please continue to limit it to specific areas so The Fells doesn't become a giant mountain biking course with some trees?

The Fells already has many visitors who leave their detritus (I have found bike parts). Even well-intentioned bikers are not going to stop and pick up any garbage and garbage is, as you know, a problem in The Fells.

Sincerely and Worriedly,
Elizabeth Golding

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 4:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Hugh and Rosamond Parks

Stonaham, Ma. 02180

From: [REDACTED] []

Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 9:06 PM

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Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Gerard Brown

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Peter Braun [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 12:56 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

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Thank you,

Peter Braun, MD

Arlington, MA 02474

From: Joseph J. Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 6:05 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Joseph J Hansen
Lexington Strategic Associates
[REDACTED], Lexington, MA 02421-5802

From: Juliana R. Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 4:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org

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Thank you,

Juliana and Roger Smith

Winchester

From: lloyd thayer [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 6:45 PM

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Thank you,

Lloyd Thayer

From: Ryan King []

Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 1:50 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Comments

October 15, 2010

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Firstly, let me thank DCR, and those who have expended personal time and energy to ensure continued wellbeing of the Middlesex Fells.

I appreciate the effort that has been made to revise and implement the trail system plan. Additionally, I appreciate the openness with which DCR has listened to the groups involved.

I have evaluated the entire proposal, as well as information provided by the Friends of the Fells and NEMBA.

I am a frequent hiker and mountain biker at the Fells.

To be honest, I find the actions of my fellow hikers to be base and embarrassing. Often, when speaking with fellow hikers, I hear comments intimating that 'the park must be closed to bikers'. When cycling, I often hear rude comments, have people tell me to 'get off the trails', or meet hikers who will not let me pass. It seems to me that the attitude of the FOF is 'bikers must be banned'.

These activities and attitudes are not constructive.

Rather, I would like to commend the DCR on taking a more 'scientific' approach to trail allocation. Land managers must consider the opinions and concerns of the people who use their trails. However, when individuals make unsubstantiated allegations regarding natural resource damage to justify the prioritization of their type of trail use, their motives must be called into question.

Objective information must be the basis for sound policy decisions. The results of scientific studies can provide land managers with a better understanding of user impacts, and should guide political debate and public policy.

As is mentioned in the report, numerous scientific studies have demonstrated equivalent environmental impact of cycling, hiking, and horse-back riding.

Yet, there continues to be a push for 'hiker-only' trails.

My view is that responsible users should have equal access to trails regardless of which activity they chose to enjoy upon them. Use and enjoyment of a natural resource should not be restricted to satisfy the interests of a single group. Rather, rules regarding use and enjoyment of a natural resource should be based on the preservation of that resource such that ALL users may enjoy it for years to come.

Regarding some of the individual recommendations:

- The mud season ban should extend to all users, on all single track trails. However, all fireroad and dry sections should remain open to all traffic.
- Closure of any section of trail must be reasonable and appropriately justified. This will promote acceptance of the restrictions by all users. It is stated within the report, that "Perhaps the most difficult aspect of user behavior in the Fells, from a management perspective, is a pervasive attitude that posted rules don't always apply". If a trail is closed to any group (hikers and bikers alike) that is unreasonable, or based on inappropriate justification, it can be expected that users will break that rule, and continue to use the trail. This promotes disregard for the rules in general, which will lead to trail damage. (This is similar to it being 'acceptable to litter in a area that looks like a dump'. We all agree that it is never acceptable to litter, yet areas that have trash on the sidewalk continue to have trash thrown on the sidewalk).
- If individual trails are to be reserved for a single activity this should be the exception, rather than the rule. In rare cases, and only when necessary, a policy such as "all of the marked trails are open to all users with the exception of trail A, B and C which are open to hikers only, and trail D which is open to cyclists only" would seem most appropriate. This approach instills the mindset that all users are equal. The current system ("all trails are closed to cyclists except...") continues to promote the notion that the Fells is primarily for hikers.
- The Skyline trail is an integral component of the park, and thus, should be open to all users.
- Virginia Wood is an integral component of the park for cyclists and hikers. Its restriction would prevent cyclists from doing a complete loop around the Fells. I am concerned that its closure will be construed as 'unreasonable' and thus its use will continue despite a restriction. I would like to point out that this would also be the case if Virginia wood was designated as 'Cyclist only'; you can expect hikers to continue to use it.

- Separating park use by time/day of the week will be cumbersome and will continue to promote the idea that all users are not created equal.

Thank you again for your time and effort.

I look forward to being able to enjoy the Fells as a cyclist and a hiker. And I look forward to the day when the two groups are treated equally.

Ryan King

From: Maciej Sobieszek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comments to Fells draft plan

I attach a copy of my comments to DCR draft plan

Dear Paul Jahnige,

First off, thanks a lot for spending so much time on this piece of land. It must be one of the most studied properties in Massachusetts!

Here are my comments to DCR's recommendation:

6.1

Yes, absolutely close trails that have dead ends or are near sensitive areas and those spider-webs

"No net gain" plan as I understand DCR will close as an example 300ft of trail if 100ft are to be build, how soon, is there a time window for this to happen? Between closing old and opening of new trail?

6.3

Yes, new maps are a must, for download or to purchase at local stores such as REI and bike shops and even local supermarkets. New signs with length of trails marked, expected users you may encounter (exactly as in appendix I): perfect! Trail blazing brought up to standard, so there is lot less confusion for the users.

6.4

Figure out a legal way through MWRA's property, this is the only way to get from one side to other for number of reasons such as cutting your trip shorter

Mud season closure just for bikes? How about other user groups? I do like the fact that it's only during thawing season in March.

6.5

More parking yes please, but let's not implement day use fee. This would just create more illegal parking around those areas. There is so much parking at Bear Hill and Boston

Regional Medical Center, working with local land owners to increase it is a good idea. Another thing to look at is when (if ever) this property gets redeveloped, it should be legal to park there to access Fells.

Access from Flynn Rink to Fells near Quarter mile pond, yes I like that the sooner the better.

6.6

I'm pretty sure all "hard core" users that are close to their stakeholder groups are very well aware of trail etiquette. I would point out to occasional user not tied to any group, so posting of these at trail heads makes all the sense! So it's clearly visible to all, especially to novices or newcomers.

Trail ambassador = DCR's ranger that's just my opinion and yes they should be more present at peak times, to educate and enforce if needed.

6.7

I'm not so convinced about police on trails, but again it's just my opinion.

Number of dogs per walker it's a good idea to limit and I'm all for designating a large area for "off leash K-9 users"

6.8

Virginia woods as pedestrian area only, how about letting bikers use one trail to get from Whip Hill area to reservoirs

I don't think it's a good idea to have separate times for different groups of users

I agree on separating Mountain Bike loop from skyline trail and getting rid of junctions.

6.9

Yes for bikes in Dark Hollow on existing trails and close that spider-web! And use those miles of trails some other place more suitable and sustainable.

Orange trail multiuse YES! And let's work on Cross Fells and Crystal springs in near future too. I would even push for multiuse on Skyline and Rock Circuit. There aren't that many bikers that can handle this type of trail so the impact on them would be minimal, as it is from any user group.

6.10

And finally I'm for letting those dogs off the leash! Let them run! But do it some manageable way at Sheepfold but again not time restrained.

Few more things

After sunset use by mountain bikers, I don't think we are looking to use Fells at midnight or middle of night but rather to somewhat to extend ride times in autumn months when weather is still warm and sun goes down early.

Here is an example of good trail design in Manchester, NH

<http://www.fomba.org/files/trail-map.pdf> loops at different difficulty levels, length coming off fire roads not so interesting to someone traveling by foot but rather to someone traveling on two wheels that can cover more distance. This is a good way to keep specific trail users in their "places"

And please don't let Friends of Fells get away with stalling tactic of waiting for full RMP process to be completed before implementing smaller steps in the right direction
Maciej Sobieszek,

Stoneham MA
"local rider and hiker"

From: Wesley Ward [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 5:11 PM
To: 'Jahnige, Paul (DCR)'
Subject: FW: Paul Jhnige

Paul – this is my attempt at clarifying our position on the Fells. I hope this is helpful to DCR in managing the Fells issues.
[See "TTOR Comment 11-1-10.pdf]

Wes

###Wesley T. Ward
Vice President for Land and Community Conservation
Doyle Conservation Center
The Trustees of Reservations
464 Abbott Avenue
Leominster, Massachusetts 01453-5446

From: Silvestri, Lorenzo []
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 8:45 AM
To: 'Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us'
Subject: Draft Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR,

It has been very exciting for local MB riders the news regarding the project to enlarge some terrain for bikers at the Fells.

The Fells has historically been seen by the outdoor enthusiasts as a special retreat area located just a few miles from the big city, affordable, attractive and very appreciated by users of all ages. In some ways, it is the only one park around the metropolitan area where people with different interests can gather together for all year round activities such as, mountain biking, hiking, family picnic enthusiasts, dog's walking etc. The beauty of the place is that everybody has the possibility to share this natural context with respect of all other people's interests. The recent obstacle plotted out by non biker local Organizations operated behind the scene has put a dark veil on the positive atmosphere of the park.

As a biker, outdoor enthusiast and good citizen, I was shocked by the discriminative effort of certain Organizations towards MB riders at the Fells.

NEMBA has always tried to operate in full respect of local or state policies by engaging mountain bikers toward a respectful, nature oriented, use of the trails at the Fells. I firmly believe that a regulated enlargement of the trails able to be used by all people, including MB riders, is a great way to help people to get in contact with the nature, teach them how to respect the natural environment and help them to adopt a healthy life style. Discriminating among the potential users of the park is not sign of a wise, democratic policy.

I hope that DCR will be able to clarify some existing issues on this changes and to embrace a democratic line of action which can take into account the expectations of all the users of the Fells, mountain bikers included. It will be the responsibility of the various local Associations and, ultimately, of the single individuals, to instruct the users on a courteous behavior and respectful use of the trails for the sake of everybody.

Also, I am confident that NEMBA will offer his contribution to help restoring some of the most hazardous trails in the park and organize events to help people gathering together with sympathy and reciprocal respect. An educated mountain biker share the same vision of any other outdoor enthusiasts at the Fells: fun and respect toward the environment so to have the chances to return and enjoy the experience in the future.

Very truly,
Lorenzo Silvestri

From: Diego Ibarra [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 3:42 PM
To: friends@fells.com; Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail Comment Copy

Dear www.fells.org,

Once you start to believe that supporting the position of the Friends of the Fells should be the most appropriate thing, one sees that it really has no objectivity and its one more piece of a two-sided argument between the moutainbikers and walkers/hikers.

I am writing to say that I am deeply disappointed about what I'm reading in your site (www.fells.org). Not to say it is irresponsible to state arguments which -to my knowledge- are not such.

1-"And conversion of nearly all the rest of hiking trails to bike use in the near future"

2-"DCR Proposes creating new mountain bike trails through undisturbed woodlands"

To my knowledge, there is not statement of making every trail a biking trail -short or long term.

Also, I believe the draft is clear to say that no new trails will be created for bicycle riding on currently non-trail undisturbed areas.

I believe it is extremely important to develop an integral environmental impact assessment of all activities carried out by the community at the Fells and make a Plan accordingly. This plan should include all and every community concern and activity, such as: a) guaranty environmental sustainability and local ecosystems b) provide the peaceful, quite environment users seek c) at the time of creating alternative trails for other -community oriented uses- to satisfy everyone's needs equally, again guarantying a sustainable ecosystem.

It is sad to see that there is no inclusive proposition from any local organization, rather a campaign of misinforming the community.

Sincerely,
Diego

Walk/Hike/Photograph/ and friend of people who ride in the Fells.

From: Camille C [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 8:22 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Camille Chesnick
[REDACTED], Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Walter Kittredge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Wilderness Solitude

"However, the Fells is a popular and heavily used destination. It is not a wilderness area. While users may be able to find moments of solitude in the Fells at certain places, seasons or times of the day, users should not necessarily expect to find solitude in all instances, nor expect that moments of solitude might not be disturbed by other users." [p. 28]

Wilderness: An unsettled, uncultivated region left in its natural condition, especially:
A large wild tract of land covered with dense vegetation or forests.
A piece of land set aside to grow wild.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation certainly meets this definition of wilderness, and the fact that it exists in a suburban setting is cause for wonder and celebration, rather than this summary dismissal by our own Department of Conservation. It's true that if you stand on the edge looking outward you may be looking at the sprawling city, but turn around on Pinnacle Rock and you will be looking at a sea of green trees stretching northward for miles. Since its inception the Fells Forest hasn't been logged, leaving the trees to grow to giant status, and for nature to direct itself, growing wild and untamed. Bobcats and Beavers, Fishers and Owls call it home, recognizing its wildness as suitable habitat. This wild Fells is not an Urban Park, with planted trees, clipped shrubs, mowed lawns, and paved paths.

It is heavily used by people, particularly in the areas around the larger parking lots. But in the rest of the Fells, finding solitude is more common than not, to the extent sometimes that I wish I were "disturbed" by a fellow traveler, because it seems a terrible waste that I alone am enjoying this wild place full of beauty. In many times and places I have gone for hours on end without seeing anyone in the Fells Forest, and if I choose to, I can do so on a regular basis.

In this world of impermanence there are few things that don't change, but there are some that carry an eternal resonance within us, that touch a deeper chord, like this grand old Fells Forest. Those woods and boulders, streams and birds, are always there whenever we choose to turn to them. Dipping into a world that changes at a much slower pace and scale, we form a bond with the land; an old gnarly tree hanging onto a ledge, the quiet hollow by a pond, where dragonflies ply the air like brilliant flying jewels. What peace of mind we can know at these times, when we connect with the forest's timelessness. Serenity? Solitude? These are ours for the asking, and the forest always answers yes.

That is, unless we despoil it by ignoring it's beauty, leaving our workaday trash in our wake, our animal's waste polluting the soil and air, or bringing our metal machines into every last corner of the green world, where their noise and speed are dissonant. When we do these things we ignore the sacredness of the earth, of that relationship we have with it. We were born of the earth and will go back to it. It nurtures us with pure food and water and fresh air that we take for granted as our birthright. But it is every generation's birthright, not just our own. If the future Fells Forest of our children and our children's children is not to be industrially bleak, we must learn to cherish it, protect it from misuse, and nurture it back.

"Without plants there is no life. The functioning of the planet, and our survival, depends upon plants." UN Convention on Biological Diversity, 29 Oct. 2010

Walter Kittredge

From: McClure, Veronica [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider the environmental and safety impacts – which are huge -- of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Veronica McClure
Malden, MA

From: Rebecca Backman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 8:18 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

The Middlesex Fells Reservation is a gem, and especially so because walking is safe and encouraged for all ages and physical abilities. For over a century, it has served as an idyllic land holding where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Unfortunately, an expanded use of the trails by mountain bikes is incompatible with the long time and heavy use of the Fells.

It is critical that that Department of Conservation and Recreation not change Fells trail usage until it completes and thoroughly analyzes a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan must consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. Based on my frequent walks in the Fells, expanded mountain bike use is inappropriate and would be significantly detrimental to the enjoyment of the large majority of regular users of the Fells. Too many current mountain bike riders are inconsiderate, travel too quickly thus endangering walkers, and cause permanent damage to trails. That problem will only be exacerbated by expanded mountain bike use.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Backman

Andover, MA 01810

From: Carolyn Britt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:37 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I lived in Medford until 1988

and, as an outdoors activist, greatly appreciated the Fells. I was pleased that there was no mention of clean-ups or trash, as that was one of the activities I did with my kids - informal trash pick-ups, with a bag for returnables and one for trash - they kept the deposits. They loved it. We hiked there often with our dog - there was little conflict at the time with other dogs, bicyclists, etc.

My comments:

Hold clean-ups as required - seeing the beautiful place with major trash was depressing. We particularly picked up above Panther Cave.

I agree this is no place for motorized uses.

A trial off-leash area sounds like a valuable idea.

Interpretive information on the natural environment sounds very valuable - I think such signs make natural systems seem more important.

Thanks for your good work - keep it up.
Carolyn

From: Peter Houk [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: changes to Middlesex Fells trail policy

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the wholesale change in trail designations proposed for the Middlesex Fells by the DCR.

Over the past two or three years, I have attended several public meetings about this issue, and have become familiar with the particulars. I have lived just three blocks from the Fells for the past 12 years, and have spent hundreds of happy hours biking, walking, and cross country skiing in this rare treasure of a woods. It is an exceptional place, rich in recreational opportunities and also diverse - and in some areas fragile - in animal and plant habitat. Having explored all areas of the Fells, especially those areas West of Interstate 93, I am convinced that the DCR's proposal to open virtually all of the existing trails to mountain biking is a very bad idea. Some roads and trails, such as Middle Road, East Dam Road, and the Silver Mine Path, are perhaps appropriate trails for biking because they are wide and not particularly steep and rocky. On the other hand, the Cross Fells, Skyline, and Reservoir Trails are, in my opinion, unsuited to biking either because they are too steep (and therefore unsafe), or too narrow to accommodate both hikers and bikers. I have spent enough time in the Fells to know that if all these trails are opened to mountain biking, hikers will indeed be displaced and the character of the park will change dramatically.

I am also opposed to opening the Fells to winter mountain biking: mountain biking is not a winter sport, and one or two mountain bikers can quickly destroy good ski track used by dozens of skiers, by exposing rocks as they scrape snow while skidding (I have seen this happen on more than one occasion). Furthermore, I would oppose any opening of the park at night, since this would definitely invite increased late-night partying (and collateral vandalism) by teenagers, as well as disturbing (and quite probably displacing) nocturnal animals who make the Fells their home.

In the public meetings I have attended, it has become clear to me that the New England Mountain Bike Association is a well-organized and vocal lobby that has gained the attention of the DCR to the point that the DCR is willing to allow this group to steer policy regarding trail policy, and even to the point of disregarding current law about how these decisions should be made. In particular, I am referring to the DCR's refusal to produce a Resource Management Plan of the Fells before making sweeping changes in trail designations. To me it is beyond belief that a state agency with the word "Conservation" in its very name would act in such an irresponsible manner.

I understand the DCR's need to provide recreational opportunities for the citizens of the Commonwealth, but the DCR also has a responsibility to fulfill the conservation part of its mandate. This involves taking the time to conduct a careful and complete Resource Management Plan of the entire part before making changes that will change the character of this unique resource forever. Therefore, I am asking that no new changes be made in trail designations until the DCR has completed a RMP process that is open, transparent, and public.

Respectfully,

Peter Houk

From: Laurie Adamson [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:43 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: Friends of the Fells

Subject: Opposition to designating more multiuse trails in the Middlesex Fells

I strongly urge you not to change the Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

I live in Melrose adjacent to the Middlesex Fells and have been enjoying this area for the past 24 years. I am passionate about protecting this precious resource. I have spent time in the fells hiking, birding, skiing, boating, blueberry picking, rock climbing, observing plants, animals, and insects. It is my way of escaping from our busy, noisy, hectic world and connecting to the natural world. The Fells offers me a place of refuge and solitude which is in "my backyard". I have been treated to many special times in the Fells.

My primary concern lies with the proposals to "1. Evaluate Designating Sections of the Cross Fells Trail and Crystal

Springs Trail as Multi-Use 2. Evaluate Designating All Appropriate Trails as Multi-Use Trails".

Mountain bikes should not be allowed on single track trails. Single track trails should not be modified to accomodate bikes. My primary concern is erosion and safety for hikers. Several years ago I saw a sizable patch of lady slippers with mountain bike tracks (this was not on a designated bike route). I am concerned the solitude I enjoy while hiking will no longer exist when I have to worry about getting out of the way of mountain bikes and hearing the noise they make on the trail. When I want solitude I hike on trails where I know I will not find dogs or mountain bikes. I don't want Virginia woods to be the only area I can hike in.

I think the Fells can be enjoyed by a wide variety of people: bikers, dog walkers, hikers, nature lovers being the main people. However there has to be a plan to manage the increased number of people using the Fells which focuses on preservation of this area. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Laurie Adamson

Melrose, Ma 02176

From: Dennis N Crouse [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends of the Fells
Subject: Opposition to Multi-Use Trails in the Fells

My wife, Laurie, and I have lived within a short walk of the fells for the last 25 years. We hike, bird watch, and observe plants, trees, and the small creatures which call the fells home. For us hiking in the fells is a way to find a quite contemplative environment and escape the hyperactive world that exists in the world just beyond the edges of the fells. There can be no such escape on a single track hiking trail shared with bikers traveling at speeds much higher than walking speeds. Any trail given over to multi-uses including biking forces my wife and I to seek alternate routes. For this reason we encourage the people who make decisions with regard to trail use to not increase the number of multi-use trails at the expense of hiking trails.

I support the development of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

Dennis Crouse

Melrose, Ma 02176

From: Eleanor MacLellan [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 3:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

The Middlesex Fells, located north of Boston, is one of the oldest state reservations in the Commonwealth. At 2,575 acres, it is also one of the largest urban wilds in the metropolitan Boston area. The Fells contains an amazing array of plants and animals that live among its rocky hills, woodlands, wetlands, ponds, and meadows. Mass Audubon has cited it as an Important Bird Area.

The Fells is also very popular for a wide range of recreational uses including hiking, bird watching, mountain biking, dog walking, and cross country skiing, uses of which Mass Audubon does not oppose.

However, as recreational use has increased, so too have conflicts between park users and the park's natural resources. There are over 122 miles of trails in the Fells, some of which have been illegally established through unauthorized off-trail activity. DCR remains understaffed and unable to fully and adequately enforce its trails rules, the result of which is continued and in some instances expanded unauthorized trail activities in unauthorized locations.

DCR has made a commitment to develop a comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) which will address both resource protection and recreational uses. Mass Audubon supports development of the plan, and believes that the Fells can continue to provide a wide range of recreational uses while simultaneously protecting the Fells' natural resources. However, before the comprehensive planning has begun, DCR issued a draft Trails Plan that proposes several major changes regarding allowable uses including:

Designation of an off-leash dog area;

Opening of several hiking-only trails to mountain bikes;

Allowing bike riding during the winter.

Please focus on developing the plan and repairing damaged areas before considering any expansion in recreational uses. The 3 measures taken here are not compatible with protection of the environment. Thank you, Eleanor MacLellan Cambridge, MA.

From: Scot Shaw [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: fells trails plan

I am a Medford resident and live abutting the Middlesex Fells. I am also a contributor to the Friends of the Fells organization, and not a

member of NEMBA or any other mountain-biking advocacy group. I am writing because I support the increase of trail access to cyclists. I have had a number of encounters with cyclists in the Fells, and have never felt that they cause a problem or interfere with my enjoyment of the reservation on foot. Increasing legitimate access for mountain bikes will only increase the pool of stakeholders in preserving the Fells for all of us to enjoy. My only concern is that reasonable rules are established for courtesy between users, restriction of activity to marked trails, and respect for nature, and that these rules be enforced for all users -- cyclists, dog walkers, and hikers included.

Sincerely,
Scot Shaw

From:
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 5:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: I disagree with expansion of bike use on Fells trails

My family and I have been frequent users of Fells trails over the past 35 years (hiking with my children when they were young and now going on hikes with Fells guides). I am extremely disappointed in the amount of bicycle traffic already allowed on the bike approved trails in the Fells. I can see that bicycle traffic has damaged these trails already. I do not want the other trails to be allowed to be used since they are in much more sensitive areas and would do even more damage to plants and cause more erosion.

I see from reading the MidFellsDraftPlan2010-9-20 that you have a very large input from Mountain Bike Enthusiasts and that as part of your planning are considering "Evaluate Designating Sections of the Cross Fells Trail and Crystal Springs Trail as "Multi-Use" and "Evaluate Designating All Appropriate Trails as Multi-Use Trails". Both of these "Enhance Mountain Biking User Experience" goals are under RMP (Resource Management Plan) review.

What I am saying is that I disagree with your considering the Cross Fells Trail and Crystal Springs Trail as "Multi-Use". I also do not like the undefined nature of the goal "Evaluate Designating All Appropriate Trails as Multi-Use Trails".

Please, before allowing Fells Trails Plans bicycle policy changes to be considered do so only as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan

and be far more detailed in what trails are being considered and what might be the environmental impact of relaxing trail use standards to allow mountain bike usage.

Thank you, John Thompson

Melrose, MA 02176

From: [REDACTED] []
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 8:38 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: fells plan policy change

Dear people of the DCR,

I am writing to you today to let you know how much and for how long I have loved and used the Middlesex Fells Reservation. In the late 70's early 80's I started hiking many of the trails with friends. Some photo's I took during one of these hikes was entered in my high school art show, something I didn't plan nor imagine. Continuing into the 80's I would hike with my sister and her children. I continued hiking most of the trials with new friends and my niece and her child. When my dog was recovering from hip surgery we used some of the trails for his physical therapy. Now I walk the various trails on a weekly basis with my dog (always leashed) and my dad. For me, it is my way to relax and unwind. The beauty and tranquility of the Fells brings me peace. And I am grateful that I have been able to share the sights, sounds and smells of nature with the people I love. I believe that is what was intended by the donors of this land over a century ago.

I am urging you to PLEASE only consider the Fells Trails Plan policy change, as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan public process. The Fells is a sanctuary for all, people, plants and wildlife. Please don't let it be destroyed.

Thank You for your time,
Becky Graves

From: terry rice [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 10:26 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

Hello,

I support the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation in urging that the Fells Trails Plan be considered only as part of a Comprehensive Resource Management Plan with due public process.

I believe that the Middlesex Fells should remain a nature and wildlife reservation rather than a wide-open recreation park.

Thank you for considering this viewpoint.

Terry Rice

Medford, MA 02155

From: rjharpin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 6:36 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

Please oppose any increase in recreational uses at the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) is completed.

Particularly, protect eight rare species, over 100 vernal pools, and the diverse plants and wildlife habitats at the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Thank You,

Raymond Harpin

Franklin, MA 02038

From: Aaron Corso [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: in support of mtb access

I just wanted to email to show my support of mountain bike use in the fells. As you develop your trail plans please keep the local NEMBA chapter involved. They are concerned with the needs of all trail users and are willing to create well designed mtb trails that allow for multiple uses. Also, please inform the 'Friends of the Fells' that no one wants the Fells to become a "Mountain Bike Park". Ridiculous statements like this help no one.

Thank you.
Aaron Corso

From: dorothy ahle [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 12:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Biking in Middlesex Fells

To Whom It May Concern,

The Fells' future should consider every user group, specifically walkers. A wide-open recreation park was NOT what the Fells was intended for. We must keep it a place where nature is appreciated and honored. We need a Resource Management Plan, and a public process, to protect plant and animal life before any policy changes are considered.

There are 35 miles of trails already open to bikes. To turn the Fells into a bike recreation area is NOT what the Fells was intended for.

I have already been hit by an out-of-control biker on a walking path. I have seen the ugly effects bikes have caused on the plantlife and beauty of the Fells. Please listen to the walkers who use the Fells daily and are concerned about its future. To do what you propose will ruin the Fells for future generations.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Ahle

Malden, MA 02148

From: Gwen Miner [gwen.miner@alumnae.brynmawr.edu]

Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 10:00 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan comments

DCR,

I understand there may be a revised Fells Trail Plan under consideration. I believe that this revision should fall under a comprehensive Resource Management Plan, which is a legally required plan. This should be a public process.

I believe the Fells should be open to all users, people, hikers, strollers, bicycles, cross country skis, even horses. But care has to be taken to that all users will be able to feel safe in the Fells and not like they will be run over.

Gwen Miner
Haverhill, MA

From: Marilyn Ellwood [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 12:35 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Proposed Fellstrail Changes

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:

It is hard for our family to believe you are even considering this, but please do NOT convert all the hiking trails at the Fells Reservation to bike use. Our family has lived in Winchester for thirty years. We reside at 63 Lawson Road. Our home is within walking distance of the Fells, and we walk and hike there regularly. In fact, the Fells trails were part of the reason we wanted to live in Winchester.

Within recent years, we no longer feel that the Fells is "friendly" to older walkers and families with young children. Instead, it seems that mountain bikers are taking over. Even without this proposed change, we are distressed by the number of trails that are being destroyed. As a result of mountain bikers, many of the trails are severely rutted and often muddy, making them inaccessible for the rest of us. Bikers also frequently use trails that are supposedly off limits to them. Finally, some bikers have the attitude that they "own" the trails. I am a senior citizen who has been frightened by the aggressiveness of rude bikers, coming up behind me and shouting for me to get out of the way. This is not what we want the Fells to become. Instead, we want it to continue to be a place of peaceful walks in nature, beautiful plant communities and diverse wildlife.

We think 35 miles of trails for mountain bikers is enough. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN UP ALL THE FELS TRAILS TO MOUNTAIN BIKERS. WE ALSO NEED BETTER RULE ENFORCEMENT, SO THAT NON-BIKE TRAILS ARE SAFE AND QUIET (as a nature preserve should be) FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND SENIORS TO WALK IN HARMONY WITH NATURE.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Ellwood

Winchester, MA 01890

From:

Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 10:20 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

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This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Please do the right thing!

Margaret Holland-Burke

Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Beth Abelow [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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Thank you,

Beth Meltzer-Abelow

Boston, MA

From:
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
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Thirty-five miles of the Fells is already open to bike use. There is no need to make the entire reservation open, disturbing flora and fauna and making for the fast deterioration of one of few natural areas left in eastern Mass.

How much commercial development and erosion of our natural resources are we to endure?

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard Gulla

Melrose, Mass.

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org

Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Adam Glick

Email:

adam@upintheheights.com

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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Seth Green
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: proposed Fells trail plan

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The Fells Reservation is the only natural park in this increasingly urban area where people can go for solitude and enjoyment of nature.

Bikers do not come for enjoyment of nature, they want a challenge and a workout. Their present use of the Fells is already disturbing to wildlife, plantlife and walkers. To increase the use of trails will have devastating effect on the nature value of the Fells.

Just imaging that the traffic going by in front of your house is now allowed to go through your backyard as well. What would you do? Move out. The animals will do the same.

The name of the department is of Conservation and Recreation. It seems to me that you are not doing your job on the conservation if you allow more bike use in the Fells.

Tinie Noordzij

member guide of Winchester Trails

From: Alan Ball [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 11:48 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: I do not support DCR Fells Trails Plan

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I support Friends of the Fells, and i do not want the Fells to become a mountain bike park.
Alan Ball

From: Jonathan Beit-Aharon [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 12:45 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Protect the Middlesex Fells

Dear public officials,

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The less "developed" lands are the ones whose value increases the most over the long run, and it is important to protect the natural services, whose loss is often extremely costly, and often unrecoverable. An ounce of carefulness is worth a ton of remediation, and it is important not to put the cart before the horse.

I am not rejecting your plan to add trails and encourage increased use, because I think it is very valuable to expose the public to nature, but (and this is a big but), this should not be done without a plan to protect sensitive areas.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Beit-Aharon

Newton, MA 02458

From: Michael La Vecchia [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 10:36 PM
To: Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells

Dear Sir(s) and/or Madam(s):

I write to you this evening after much thought about the hiking trails and bike trails.

This is a bad idea on many levels. First, I would like to inform you that while hiking, my nephews and nieces use the trails along with me. They range in age from 5 and on. We sometimes walk a mile and other times a little more. I feel that if we will share the trails with the bikers, there will be many accidents between the children and bikers. I want to inform you, the committee, that should anything happen to any of my family members someone will be responsible. There is no regard being given to the individual which is walking the trails to see nature and lecture our little ones about the process of life.

I beg that the committee makes the right choice!

Please read the following:

<http://www.parkspreservation.org/EllisonParksPlan/incidents>

Michael

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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arthur whitehead

Email:

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To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am writing to comment on the Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan which DCR released on September 21, 2010. Over the past decade or so, I have visited the Fells frequently, probably an average of 2-3 times per month, usually on weekends. My favorite activity in the Fells is hiking, often with other family members, and also with my small dog. I have also been a member of the Friends of the Middlesex Fells for the past several years.

I attended the Fells Reservation Trail Planning Workshop back in February of 2010, and I also attended the public announcement of the Fells Trail plan in September. In addition, I have read over much of the Trail System Plan released on DCR's website. In general, I have been impressed with the plan that DCR has put together, and I agree with many of the goals that DCR is trying to accomplish. In particular, I think it is worthwhile to reduce the number of trails within the Fells, and I also think that trying to reduce trail-user conflicts is a vitally important goal.

However, I do disagree with some of the specific recommendations made by DCR. First and foremost, I strongly disagree with the proposal to designate the Reservoir Trail a "multi-use" trail, which means opening it up to mountain bikes, and I certainly disagree with the idea that all trails should be designated as multi-use trails. In my opinion, the Reservoir Trail is the "crown-jewel" in the Fells trail system, and I believe that having mountain bikes on this trail would have a seriously negative impact on the ability of hikers to enjoy this trail. I think that hikers and mountain bikes should generally not be sharing any trails, since mountain bikes travel at somewhat faster speeds, posing somewhat of a danger to hikers and dog-walkers. Mountain bikes also are noisy, and take away from the more peaceful appreciation of nature that hikers are often looking for. And finally, I believe mountain bikes also cause more erosion on certain trails.

But I am not entirely against mountain bikes in the Fells, and I think a modest increase in the number of trails designated solely for mountain bikes can be justified. In particular, DCR's plan to increase the number of mountain bike trails in the Dark Hollow area seems appropriate to me.

Another DCR recommendation that I disagree with is the plan to increase the number of parking spaces in the Fells. I think that the current perceived lack of parking actually helps to restrict overuse of the Fells, and by limiting the number of people in the reservation, it

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Once again, I appreciate the effort made by DCR with regard to the future plans for the Fells, but I hope that the final plans will incorporate some of the changes I have outlined above. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Hazel

Arlington, MA 02474

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Subject: Changes to the Fells Reservation trail system

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Thank you.

Christian Kreilkamp

Malden, MA 02148

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Daniel O'Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 5:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From: Berkowitz, William [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 7:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Proposed changes

Dear Friends of Nature,

As someone who has walked the trails in the Middlesex Fells for more than 30 years, I read about proposed changes to the Fells with great surprise and alarm.

The Fells to me is a forest that is meant for passive recreation and the contemplation of nature -- so necessary in these fast-paced times. Hard-riding bicycles, and I have seen too many of them in the Fells, make this difficult to impossible. Bicycles can be ridden on or alongside of most any street. Forests are few; and as you know the Fells is unique in the immediate Boston area.

I'd rather have no biking in the Fells at all, but I can live with what exists now. I would admit that it seems to be a reasonable balance among people with different interests. But the Fells is special, a one-of-a-kind place, and it should at the very least be kept that way. No more biking in the Fells.

Thank you for your very serious consideration.

Bill Berkowitz

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Barry Greenhalgh [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 7:34 PM
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Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 7:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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I live in Belmont and have been going to the Fells for years to hike because it is by far the best place within a short drive to be out in the woods, have miles of quiet hiking trails, and

have plenty of trails with vertical rise as opposed to fairly flat. Keeping the Fells the way it is as a quiet place for hikers and walkers to experience and enjoy the outdoors near the city is very important to me and a number of my friends. I am very concerned at this time that changes in the Fells trail usage that will include opening more trails for mountain biking could disrupt the peaceful environment of the Fells, cause destruction to wildlife habitats and rare plant communities, and threaten the safety of Fells visitors given the speed possible on mountain bikes.

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Thank you for considering my request.

Laurie B. Rosenblum
[REDACTED] Belmont, MA 02478

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From: Lori Kenschaft [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 8:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: please don't expand bike use in the Fells

Dear DCR,

I recently learned that you are considering opening most of the Fell's hiking trails to mountain bikes. As a frequent walker in the Fells for more than twenty years, I would like to urge you not to do this.

First, mountain bikes are jarring and somewhat dangerous for those of us going at walking speeds. They commonly come up behind me on the trails and their riders have varying amounts of control of where they are going. For safety's sake I often step off the trail in order to let them go past, but having to do that frequently, and keep an ear out for bikes approaching from behind, disrupts the peacefulness of the woods. If you encourage more mountain biking on more narrow trails, you will have more frequent encounters between bikers and walkers, and sometimes they will be collisions.

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Please do not change your policies to encourage more damage to the Fells.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Lori Kenschaft

Arlington, MA

From: Judith Lubov [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 8:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail Plan

Please leave nature alone. I am opposed to making a bike trail to this beautiful environment.
There are other bike trails close by so we do need one through this forested nature home.

Judy Lubov
Saugus, Ma.

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Joseph Remy [REDACTED]
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Franklin P. Crownover
20 Lake Ave
Melrose, MA 02176

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The Fells Trail Plan policy changes should be considered only as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan public process.

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If you have any respect and appreciation for the Fells, then let common sense prevail and protect this wonderful asset of nature before irreparable harm is done to it!

Sincerely,
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From: Alisha Feustel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 11:04 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Feedback/Comments on DCR Fells Plan

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide my feedback on the DCR Plan for the Fells. I live in Melrose and use the Fells 2-4 times a week year-round. I hike the trails, ride my mountain bike, and, during the winter months, snowshoe. I have never had any problems with other hikers or bikers, and I encounter a lot of people on the trails. People are generally respectfully and friendly - we share the trails. When on my bike, I slow down and call out to let hikers know I am behind them. When hiking, I step aside to let bikers by. These "basic rules of the trails" are usually followed by everyone. If someone doesn't follow these rules, it is unusual.

I also encounter a lot of dogs on the trails. These dogs are rarely on leashes, but they have been well-behaved. They have not chased me while on my bike, nor have they been aggressive towards me. The owners are very attentive and make sure their dog(s) are close by (i.e. not blocking the trail) or being overly friendly when it is unwelcome. I am not a dog owner, but the happiness of the dogs when they are walking the trails only adds to the enjoyment of being at the Fells. Everyone loves to be outside on the trails. Finally, I know that mountain biking is frowned upon and many seek to limit mountain bike trails at the Fells. I disagree with this. There should be equal access for all activities. Not only do bikers use the trails, but they also help maintain them. In the Spring, many bike riders came to Trail Work Days to clear brush and fallen trees and to fill in trails that experienced water damage over the winter. Bike riders are mindful that trails are a resource that require care and maintenance. They invest their time and energy to give back and make sure the trails stay in good condition.

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1. 6.1 - Reduce the Trail Inventory - to increase habitat and reduce confusion.
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The items of the plan that I do not support as changes at the Fells:

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- B. Keeping Virginia Woods hiker only. (This trail should be shared-use; otherwise, it will prevent completion of a loop encompassing the entire Fells and prevent residents who live adjacent to it from riding into the park.)
- C. Implementing different days/times for segmenting use. (I do not support assigning dates and times for different uses.)
- D. Requiring dogs to be on leash when on the trails. (The owners who have their dogs off-leash are responsible. Their dogs are well-behaved and well-trained.)

Kind regards,
Alisha Feustel

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Bryan Hamlin [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: Trails Plan response

Dear Paul,

Attached is my response to the Trails Plan for the Fells, somewhat modified from the paper version I gave you on Friday.

I look forward to the meeting on Wednesday with you and Conrad Crawford along with some of my colleagues of the Friends of the Fells.

I share your hope that we can get to looking forward. I am sincere when I conclude my attached response with the hope that more positive times lie ahead. But I think you will need to start by hearing my colleagues out on their deeply held concerns.

The Friends of the Fells is modest in formal strength but clearly representative of thousands of users in the towns surrounding the Fells. But we do not have the lobbying, membership or financial strength of the single user, region-wide group NEMBA. From our perspective we are the David to their Goliath. We also believe you have had more previous contact with NEMBA and are sympathetic to their demands.

Having said that, we must hear from you and Conrad on Wednesday about positive ways where we can all contribute to the betterment of the future Fells.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hamlin

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Subject: Fells Trails Plan

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I am a Massachusetts Audubon Society member, and I am also an avid mountain biker who belongs to the New England Mountain Biking Association. I've give it some careful thought regarding the proposed Fells Trail Plan.

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed Fells Trail Plan because I feel that it is premature to allow expanded trail usage until after a Resource Management Plan is completed. Sure, I would love to ride my mountain bike there, but it is more important that the sensitive wildlife areas and vernal pools are protected before expanding the trail usage. The proposed Fells Trail Plan does not provide the necessary and essential protection of the sensitive areas at the Fells.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan.
Cathy Corning

Wayland, MA 01778

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To: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: PLease expand mountain bike use at The Fells

Paul,

Thank you and the DCR for reviewing and modifying the use policy at The Fells. It is long overdue. NEMBA and the mountain biking community has been a real resource for the DCR and we hope to do for The Middlesex Fells in the near future.

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Can you really be considering a change to the destiny of the Fells to suit this one group at the expense of the group who is using it for what it was made for? You must include the public, not just the biker public, when discussing the future of the Fells.

Ellen Shore

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A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

Thank you,

Barry Ingber

Medford, MA 02155

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Proposed Fells Trail Plan

To whom it may concern:

I am concerned about the plan to open additional Middlesex Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use and the impact it will have on the ecology of this wonderful resource. Before making any policy changes I feel a comprehensive Resource Management Plan considering environmental and safety impacts of the changes and with provisions for enforcement should be put in place. I would oppose any changes until that process is completed.

Franklin P. Crownover

Melrose, MA 02176

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Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 3:38 PM
To: fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us

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Until then riding should be restricted to currently approved routes

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org

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Subject: Support for Fells Trails Plan

Hello-

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My name is Kieran Taylor and I live at [REDACTED],
Winchester MA 01890

Thanks
Kieran

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Email:

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Subject: Re: Out of Office: Fells Trail Plan

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I have been to the beautiful town Northampton as my daughter as worked at Smith College for 30 years. It would be great if this area had an old unused railroad track as that used as biking and walking trail from Northampton to Amherst.
The Fells area is surrounded by Spot Pond which used to supply our drinking water.
Also why take a natural area away from the nearby popular Stoneham Zoo.
I would appreciate your thoughts toward nixing a bike trail
We are in a recession and there is better use of the money.
People are really hurting.

Yours truly,

Judy Lubov

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Subject: Dog Owners have rights too.

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Why should dog owners require their own lobby? Clearly the bike riders have been organized and communicative and, though they are a small percentage of trail users, have gotten the DCR to consider expanding their use. How can the DCR disregard the majority of users?

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and keep the off-road bike riders limited to the existing designated trails. I have even been told by bike riders to keep my dog off the trail so they (and their anti-social dogs) can pass.

And one day we will find a lobby to help protect our rights too. Perhaps you can consider it in your long term plan and stop reacting to the few people who don't care for dogs in any shape or size?

Thank you,

Melissa

Melissa B. Bennett

[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

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Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 4:26 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: proposed biking in the Fells Reservation

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Name:

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Email:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 1:03 PM

To: 'paul.jahnige@state.ma.us'
Cc: Subject: Good Job

Just read the Middlesex fells trails plan! Great job! Wish we could include such a thing in all of the DCR RMP's.

Some things I did not see or would just like to comment on:

1. Didn't see geocaching mentioned in there! I believe there is a geocache in the reservoir area!!!
2. Vernal Pool Certification: make sure that there is an mou with however is doing the certifications- equipment needs to be thoroughly cleaned between vernal pool visits to ensure that individuals are not bringing bacterias/viruses from one pool to another. All my equipment, including waiters, get sprayed with 10% bleach solution between pools-
 - a. Another threat to vp's is increased visitation by the public- the more the public knows about the locations of the pools, the more they want to go check them out. This includes school groups and other individuals doing educational tours. Managing staff should pick one or two easily accessible vernal pools and maybe promote these for educational purposes- might even be able to build a platform around a section of the pool for people to look in the water. I don't think heritage would oppose to something like this nor should the cons comm....
3. I didn't see anything about invasive species- I may have missed this but hikers, bikers and horseback riders spread these invasives particularly when the invasives are in or near trails- invasive surveying and management on trails is definitely important-some invasives are pretty prickly and nasty and others are tall and dense so they also hinder the public's experience when hiking ;)
4. Finally! I've been to sheepfold many times and I'm always amazed at the runoff towards the water resource area as well as the volume of dogs in the water swimming, playing and doing their business- maybe the off leash area should be away from the water? At least 100 feet (like a wetland buffer?)

Education and enforcement are key- hopefully people will be willing to listen and starting making changes!

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: No more bike trails

Hello DCR:

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I also understand that the planning process has not been as comprehensive or open as it should have been. Thank you for taking more time to preserve this crucial reservation for everyone.

Sincerely,
Nancy Bernhard
Somerville

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Email:

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Subject: draft plan support

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For many years I have been involved with NEMBA as a trail advocate in the DCR Atlantic District. I think we have a very productive relationship with DCR in the region that DCR staff would confirm. We have provided hundreds of volunteer hours and several thousand dollars each year supporting trail maintenance and improvement projects that benefit all users in several DCR properties. As a result, public use has increased - not just bicycle use, but all uses including, equestrian, trail running, hiking, dog walking, etc. We hold a bicycle ride event each year that draws over 500 riders to ride up to 20 miles of trail in a day. User conflicts have never been a serious problem - in fact, during this event, we share the trails with an organized equestrian ride occurring the same day. Despite increasing use, erosion and trail degradation are not a major issue. Where problems exist in the trail system, we respond with maintenance and rehabilitation projects that benefit all users and the environment.

So why is the Fells so different? Why is it that what works in one area, in fact most areas of the state, is somehow inappropriate for the Fells? Is the Fells somehow totally different? I think not. A thoughtful and equitable Trails Plan has been produced that deserves to be implemented in a timely fashion. I complement DCR for diligent work in producing the Plan, balancing carefully what DCR stands for - Department of CONSERVATION and RECREATION - environmental protection and public access for all citizens of the Commonwealth.

Dan Streeter

Newbury MA 01951

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Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 9:45 AM
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Subject: proposed Fells Trail Plan resource management plan

To whom it may concern at the DCR,
As a resident of Massachusetts who grew up in Somerville, I have enjoyed hundreds of walks in the Fells for over 50 years. My parents took me and I took my children. As a family we love the outdoors and we love mountain biking. However we would never think to enter the Fells with anything more than a walking stick or our cross country skis. This is not the place to bring a mountain bike. It is an area for pedestrians of all ages. Lately I have witnessed firsthand the destruction and "yahoo mentality" that mountain bikers bring to the serenity of the trails. For me, I take to the fells to seek the sounds of nature without the intrusion of man made noise. The walking pace in the Fells helps me slow down and reflect the beauty of this protected oasis, this gem within the route 128/95 beltway. My daughters agree this is not the place for mountain bikes. Please do not allow the

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[REDACTED] Burlington, MA 01803

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Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: Out of Office: proposed Fells Trail Plan resource management plan

To the DCR,
If you are going to " make all comments available for public viewing on our website " please protect the privacy of those who wrote by deleting any personal identifiers, (full name, address, etc.) before publishing. Thanks

On Tue, Nov 9, 2010 at 9:45 AM, Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
<Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in, and comments on, the Middlesex Fells Reservation Draft Trail System Plan. DCR sincerely appreciates all comments on the plan and process, and we will carefully consider all the input that we receive.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to review the plan, we urge you to do so. It is available at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/greenwaysfellsplast.htm> (please cut and paste this link into your browser if you have trouble).

At the end of the public comment period, we will make all comments available for public viewing on our website at
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As we receive questions about the plan or process, we will also periodically update our Frequently Asked Questions document at
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/materials/Fells%20FAQs.pdf> If you have submitted a question, please check that page for responses.

Again, we appreciate your interest and input.

Sincerely,

Paul Jahnige
Director Greenways and Trails Program
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Subject: Harmful changes for older people

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Leo Devellian

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 2:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: 'Eileen McSherry'
Subject: Please Don't Change

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Opening up more trails to biking is not fair to a large number of users who walk, and enjoy the peace and quiet unique to the Fells. It seems there are plenty of trails already open to biking, why more?

If there are any changes they should be considered as part of a more inclusive and comprehensive Resource Management Plan, for that is indeed what the Fells is: a public resource.

We live near the Fells and consider ourselves fortunate. Please consider carefully any change to the Fells Trails Plan.

Respectfully

Peter & Eileen McSherry

Melrose, MA

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Subject: Re: Middlesex Fells draft plan

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Debbie Karlan

████████ Cambridge MA 02139

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Ricardo Andino [████████████████]

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Subject: Allow bike changes immediately

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 4:22 PM
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Subject: Proposed Fells Trail Plan

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:

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It seems unfair to give the bicyclists everything. That does not square with a policy of mixed or balanced use.

Doug Myers

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jon William Conway [REDACTED]
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Please respect the "conservation" mission of your department, and please understand that the "recreation" function does not need to include those who want to use the resource for such destructive pleasures, given that the present regulations against such abuse are not even enforced. I am appalled that an expansion of such allowances is even on the table.

Sincerely,
Ainsley Donaldson

Melrose, MA 02176

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jonathan Adler, MD [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 5:27 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: fells@gbnemba.org

Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments

Dear DCR,

The AMC recommends that I send you my thoughts on the following topics related to the Middlesex Fells trails, which I live very near at [REDACTED] in Winchester.

- * What is special about the Fells and its trails system to you?
Since I live so nearby, I walk there every weekend at least once. It's a great place to get away from civilization and to walk my dog.
- * Are there specific trails that are important to you and why?
Not really. They are all delightful in their own way.
- * What are some of the problems with the trails system at the Fells that affect your experience?
The restrictions regarding walking on trails near the water seriously limit my pleasure. This is especially disappointing in spring and fall, when lots of brightly colored migrating ducks can be seen.
- * If you could change three things about the trails system, what would they be?
Walking near the water would be allowed.
Walking near the water would be allowed.
Biking near the water would be allowed.

Regards,
Gerry Sollner

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of tony accurso [REDACTED]
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org; amlaver@yahoo.com
Subject: Fells Access

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a member of the New England Mountain Bike Association, and I would like to offer my support for more mountain biking in the Fells.

Specifically, I would like to support item 6.4, which is "Winter Closure becomes March 1-March 31." Mountain biking is an incredibly important part of my weekly exercise plan. As a woman in her 40's, I can no longer pound the pavement running like I used to do, so I took up mountain biking.

I live in Medford, and am able to bike to the Fells from my home without using a car. Closing the Fells for such a long time in the late fall and early spring does not allow me to do something I really love, and prevents me from getting the exercise I need. Honestly, I am in the Fells at least once, if not several times a week on my bike, so please understand a long closure period for bikes is difficult for me.

Please review the reason for winter closer. Feet and wheels can damage soft trails equally, therefore hikers and runners as well as bikers should be educated in this area to care for trails regardless of how one enjoys the Fells. Singling out mountain biking as the only way trails are damaged is unfair and should be reviewed. Teaching all users on common sense use will be a better approach rather than closing trails to bikers for an extended amount of time.

I also would like more trail access as stated in item 6.9. Because I ride so much in the Fells, I encourage the shared use for the Orange, Cross Fells (Blue) and Crystal Springs trails. This will allow me to explore and enjoy the Fells further and vary my rides.

Thank you for your time, and please consider the above comments

Sincerely,

Ann Laver
Medford, MA

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Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Rich Hale
Email:

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Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 10:44 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation

To Whom It May Concern @ the DCR:

During this "public comment" period regarding the Fells Trails Plan, I would like to express my strong feelings that mountain bike users not be permitted on any additional trails than are currently permitted. We live directly across our street from The Fells on Hillcrest Parkway in Winchester and are frequent users of the walking and hiking trails. There is already enough mountain bike activity along not only the permitted trails, but also on illegal trails (for example, the "white" Skyline and "orange" Reservoir trails--and many bootleg trails, as well). I have had many peaceful walks and hikes disturbed by rude mountain bikers already. Permitting more widespread use of mountain bikes in The Fells would dramatically alter the ambiance of The Fells in a very negative manner.

Please do not allow mountain bikers to use more trails in The Fells.

Thank you,

Robert B. MacIntosh

Winchester, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Dan Sirota [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 10:50 PM

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From: John Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:20 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan Comments

11/9/10

To Whom It May Concern:

We have reviewed the proposed Middlesex Fells Reservation Trails Plan in its draft form. We appreciate the time and effort put in by those who have worked on this complex issue to come up with this plan and respectfully submit our comments below.

We have been Medford residents for 10 years and purchased a house on Gaston St. in Medford 8 years ago. We are situated very close to the Fells. The reason we chose to live

where we do, was to have easy access to the Fells. We cherish the Fells reservation very much.

We are also avid mountain bikers. We have volunteered time with NEMBA on several trail maintenance projects in the Fells. One in particular I remember is what seems to be one of the longest bridges over a wetland that I have seen in the Fells. This was a very rewarding experience and has only increased our respect for the Fells since we feel as though it is ours to take care of and help look after. As we hike and bike through the Fells it seems that most of the bridges, which all the park users enjoy, have the NEMBA stamp on them. NEMBA has the expertise of professionally trained trail crew leaders to guide the many volunteers and they have their own trail maintenance trailers, with all the tools required for proper trail maintenance.

In reviewing the draft plan, we see many proposals that we feel very favorable about. It allows for more equitable use of the Fells to all users and stakeholders. In particular, the appropriate proposals that increase mountain biking opportunities to the “public”, on this “public” land.

1. Creating partnerships with stake holders such as NEMBA, FOF, AMC etc., is a great idea. These groups are the links to many park users and resources. Through them, park users may get more involved and share the same feeling that Angela and I do about respecting and taking care of this precious reservation. More of this partnership type activity will bring in more funds in the form of grants and donations, not to mention manpower to assist in maintaining the park. It will also take some of the load off of the very small DCR staff in place there, which is unlikely to ever increase in these poor economic times.
2. We are strongly in favor of increasing the number of “Shared Use Trails” which will spread out the number of riders, make it easier to get from one section of the Fells to another without having to leave the Fells, and reduce high traffic areas. Also, the addition of more advanced riding opportunities is very desirable. The “Reservoir” trail is also highly desirable and would require very little modification. This would greatly increase the enjoyment of the riding experience for us in the Fells.
3. More legal entry points will also help to disperse riders more evenly throughout the park and help to reduce parking issues at certain locations.
4. Better signage and markings is a no brainer. This would lead to less confusion and help prevent riders from making an honest mistake, finding themselves on hiking only trails.
5. As far as trail closings go, we agree with the Mud season of March 1 – March 31. The trails should be closed, but not just to mountain bikers, to ALL users. People on foot are more likely to walk around a mud puddle than stay on the trail and walk through it, causing trail widening and damage. The current winter time closing does not make any sense since the trails are typically firm and frozen. Of course we would agree with some leeway to adjust that as conditions warrant. Not every spring and winter are the same or typical.
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A few of the proposals we are strongly against.

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2. Having separate uses by times or days will be too confusing and lead to people being in the wrong places at the wrong times. It would be like trying to read the parking signs in Boston. Especially for those users that only visit the Fells occasionally.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our comments on the proposed trail plan for the Middlesex Fells. It is a good start for a more enjoyable experience in the Fells.

Sincerely,

John Allen & Angela Barry

Medford, Ma

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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 7:06 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Resource Management Plan

Hello. I understand DCR is proposing to convert the majority of the Fells hiking trails to bike trails. I am outraged! Are you folks REALLY environmentalists? I have lived in Medford for 64 years and have used the Fells trails from age 8 when I was a Girl Scout. I have lived at Wrights Pond for over 30 years and maintain (unpaid) the adjoining park. On my walks picking up litter in the woods, I've almost been run over by mountain bikers. They careen over rocks, don't stay on trails, trounce on rare plants and cause ruts in designated trails. I've seen elderly people have to jump out of the way when the bikers come charging though en masse. The Babes in the Woods (nature group for children) have almost been mowed over by them. The Fells is not the Indy 500. It's a pristine woodsy area to be enjoyed by nature lovers, botanists, birders, fishermen, etc. What part of nature do these speed-demons enjoy? I don't understand the expansion of the trails for trail-bikers. There are plenty of trails for them already. Take a ride by the Sheepfold (off Route 28), Long Pond, Bellevue Pond, (South Border Road) etc. and note the number of cars filling the lots. Most are owned by mountain bikers. REAL nature lovers walk or hike to the Fells. I'm sure there are plenty of responsible bike trail riders. But there has to be a group to monitor/police the renegades. PLEASE reconsider the expansion of hiking trails. Get out of Northampton and travel down to Stoneham, Winchester, Medford, etc., the whole Fells area, and observe for yourselves the behavior and destruction caused by some inconsiderate riders. Thanks for your consideration. Claire Harty Diminico.

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Subject: Fells

Dear DCR,

I live in Cambridge and hike often in the Fells. It's my favorite resource in the area; I just love that I can drive a few minutes and find myself deep in the woods, with some quiet and solitude in a mostly undisturbed natural environment. It's a truly rejuvenating and calming place for me. More recently, I've been hiking there with a small group of friends, one of whom is a naturalist and historian, who can point out all kinds of plants and animals and buried cellar holes that I would have missed.

I've recently learned that there are plans to open up much of the Fells to mountain biking. I actually have nothing against mountain biking. I have a mountain bike, and I think it's really fun. But, it's a completely different use of the space. If you've ever been hiking someplace where people are biking, it's kind of like playing ball in the street -- you have to be constantly on alert for traffic. And I know mountain biking really adds to erosion problems, especially at certain times of year, and tends to widen the trails and trample nearby plants.

Please carefully consider these issues, and the needs and interests of hikers and naturalists and kids, before making any major changes to trail use in the Fells. It's an amazing resource, and deserves to be managed and shared very carefully.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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olivia harkness
Email:

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From: Santilli, Stephen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:23 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Keep Mountain Biking at Fells alive

Don't let the lunatics from Friends of the Fells disrupt equal access to all recreation that doesn't really harm the eco-system there, including mountain biking.

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); Donato, Paul (HOU); Garballey, Sean (HOU); Lewis, Jason (HOU); Rep.KatherineClark@HOU.State.MA.US; Tisei, Richard (SEN); Jehlen, Patricia (SEN)
Subject: Comments on the Fells Draft Plan
Attachments: FellsLetter2010.doc

To Whom It Concerns,

Please see the attached letter with my comments regarding the DCR's Fells Draft Plan.

Thank you,

Julie Haas

Nov. 1, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the recently released Fells Draft Plan. It outlines proposed changes in access to and treatment of the public lands in the Middlesex Fells, managed by the DCR.

I have lived in Massachusetts for over 15 years, and have enjoyed the Fells by bike, by foot, and by cross-country ski, with and without dogs, for a great majority of that time. It is truly a gemstone, and every resident of the area is lucky to have such a natural resource embedded in their community.

I never did understand the basis for the exclusion of mountain bikes from the vast majority of trail space in the Fells. From my understanding, it came from a very uninformed, highly partisan process that did not reflect the land's uses or its users, or the known facts of trail use/damage. I long thought it was a lost cause, but I've been so encouraged in the last few years to see a new look taken at the situation from a broad perspective. Cheers to the DCR for that.

During that process, I've been genuinely disturbed to note a campaign of misinformation directed at mountain bikers. I've heard that "they" want to turn the Fells into a mountain bike park (how ridiculous!). I've heard that mountain bikers primarily travel off-trail (also ridiculous!). I've heard that mountain bikers bomb down trails and flatten small children. I hope that you recognize these rumors for what they are; and I hope that you recognize that the mountain biking community has not reacted in kind to the false rumor-mongering. We want to share and take care of the land we love – that's it.

I'd also like to note the large disconnect between the rhetoric used in debate and the experiences I have at the Fells. As a mountain biker, I go out of my way to be friendlier than I actually am, and as polite and considerate as possible, to everyone I meet. Just last week, I voluntarily dismounted and walked around a man with two toddlers on a fire road, explicitly so that he would be comfortable – his kids were in no danger from me at all, but I wanted to be sure that he knew that. Almost everyone I've encountered is the same polite and kind back to me. I strongly suspect that the severity of complaints is inversely proportional to the number of users voicing them: indeed, at the March meeting, there was only one older gentleman objecting to cyclists so loudly. In contrast, hundreds, even thousands, of us get along without a problem. There's clearly no need to disenfranchise cyclists as a group based on the prejudices of one grumpy old man.

In regards to specific points of the plan, I have the following comments.

6.1: Reduce the Trail Inventory.

Yes! Absolutely! Especially in Dark Hollow. Please reduce the redundant, confusing braided mess.

6.2: Formalize partnerships with stakeholders like NEMBA, AMC, etc.

Yes! Absolutely! The organizational knowledge behind these groups is invaluable in terms of trail maintenance and planning. They are resources, and access to hundreds of trail builders: use them!

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Mud season is by far the most effective time to close the Fells. However, because the science shows that mountain bikers are no more harmful than any other users to trails – mountain bikers should not be singled out for such a closure; the Fells should be close to all travel in mud season.

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The Fells should be equally accessible to everyone, “shared-use” everywhere. If one trail needs to be hikers-only, then another trail needs to be cyclists-only, in equal proportion.

If closures are applied to cyclists, they should be applied to hikers symmetrically (cf 6.8: proposed “pedestrian-only Sundays” would have to mean “cyclist-only Saturdays” and perhaps “dogs-only Mondays”. Now it’s clear how ridiculous that idea is).

Of the suggestions in the Draft Plan, the idea that cyclists would be banned on Sundays was by far the most disturbing to me. I was frankly shocked to see it. At a minimum, it is a zero-sum-gain, in terms of allowing us 15% more trail but removing 15% of time. Worse, however, it allows the idea that cyclists are a second-class user group that deserves and needs to be banned, to persist. That "hierarchy" has got to stop, and it needs to stop with this Draft Plan.

Sincerely,

Julie Haas, Ph.D.
Arlington, MA

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Comments on DCR Fells Draft Plan

I am really excited about these potential changes in the Fells. Fells policies have been sealed in a bubble for a very long time. They are WAY overdue for some updating.

I attended the DCR meeting where Paul presented the draft plan, and I also read the plan cover to cover before writing this message. I have to say that overall, it is a very good, comprehensive plan. There are many many parts of the plan I completely agree with, but also some parts I do not.

First and foremost, I think the Skyline trail needs to be taken OFF the table, as a hiking-only trail. I don't see any need of there being any hiking-only trails. But if there has to be some, this trail is not appropriate to be one. Reasons why I think this:

- The Skyline trail is the "Flagship" trail of the Fells. Reserving it for hikers only maintains the double standard in the Fells, of treating bikers like (at best) second class citizens or (at worst) criminals.

- The Skyline trail is not secluded. It loops through the West side of the Fells, repeatedly crossing all of the most popular trails in the Fells. If there has to be a hiking-only trail, that trail should be out in the secluded corners of the Fells, in areas where traffic is already very low.

- A huge portion of the Skyline trail's tread is on solid rock. Many of the short eroded dirt climbs could be rerouted to even more rock. This high rock content makes the skyline trail one of the most resilient to traffic. You can't get more sustainable than solid rock.

- The Skyline trail is arguably the most desirable trail in the Fells. It's a very long and technical trail. Exactly what makes it a great hiking trail, makes it a great biking trail. (aka multi-use)

- Hiking-only trails, if they have to exist at all, should be the exception in the Fells. Trails that restrict user types should be few and far between. They should be located off the beaten path, in areas where traffic is already low, and where a single user trail won't be detracting from other users' experiences.

I agree that overall, trail conditions in the Fells are very good. Most problem areas could "easily" be fixed with a little proper trail maintenance. I agree that while the Fells is filled with nature, the Fells is also an urban park used for recreation. You need to preserve nature but you also need to allow recreation.

Trail maintenance is a big issue in the Fells, in my opinion. A trail watch/trail ambassador type program is a good idea. A system where the 'powers that be' could be notified of problem areas immediately would be very effective. Nothing is more frustrating than when you come across a fallen tree in the Fells and you have no one to tell.

As previously stated, there are lots of areas in the Fells that need maintenance. As recreating in general becomes more and more popular, and as the population in Greater Boston increases, so too will the amount of traffic on trails in the Fells. Trail work in the Fells needs to be well planned, organized, and coordinated. It is pointless for NEMBA to hold trail work days, where they keep fixing up the same old sections of the mountain bike loop. Clearly they need to change their methods. But much trail work from hiking groups is downright damaging. Lining the high and low sides of a trail with logs and rocks, in an attempt to keep the trail narrow, end up turning the trail into a gully every time it rains. And bye bye goes the trail. Or recently, some group dug gullies every 100 feet or so along

the entire loop of the Reservoir (Orange) Trail. This was done regardless of the conditions of the trail in the area. It was done as more of a construction project than trail maintenance. The vast majority of these ditches were unnecessary, or detrimental to the tread of the trail.

The point of all this is that, there needs to be organization and communication. Trail work in the Fells needs to all be working towards the same goals. Those goals need to be worked out and mutually agreed-upon. Then the massive pool of trail users wanting to give back, can be tapped to accomplish all of the trail maintenance goals. I think nearly all of the problem trail areas in the Fells could be fixed in just a few short years, if system for organizing, coordinating, and executing trail maintenance was put into place.

Another important point is that while there are a few groups involved (FoF, NEMBA, AMC), the vast majority of Fells users are not associated with any of these groups. These 'regular folk' need to be involved in the process too. Trail work shouldn't just be "well FoF is in charge of this trail and NEMBA is in charge of that trail".

One final note about trail maintenance in the Fells. With so many trails switching, or potentially switching over to multi-use, hiking groups should no longer be allowed to build stone staircases in the middle of singletrack trails, effective immediately. I personally feel like a stone stair case's primary purpose is to antagonized bicycles anyway. But regardless, for multi-use trails, traditional rock armoring and/or practical re-routing is the proper solution. Stone staircases are a metaphor for the wedge being driven between user groups in the Fells.

I feel that the DCR's official stance that hiking, biking and trail running all have a similar impact is 100% correct. I also think it's a great idea to change the generic "winter ban" on mountain biking, to a mud season ban that adapts to trail conditions. HOWEVER these two ideas lead to the painfully obvious question. If bikers and hikers and runners all have similar trail impact, why is the mud ban only for bikes? The mud ban should absolutely apply to ALL trail users.

One way to make this winter/mud ban more practical, may be to have it apply only to singletrack, while leaving fire roads open to trail users year-round. Executing this would be a challenge but I believe it could be done effectively.

One last thought on the mud ban is that some ground rules should be put into place, on how the decision is made when to open and when to close. I wouldn't want one particular group, like the FoF, pushing for a trail closure in the Fells every time a dark cloud rolls along. It needs to be a mud-season ban, not a rainy day ban.

The words "fun" and "technical challenge" in the DCR's draft plan are used as words that describe biker's needs as being different from hiker. But that's very disingenuous. I think anyone that hikes or bikes or runs on a trail like the Skyline trail, are seeking the exact same thing, "fun" and "technical challenge". Hikers and Bikers seek essentially the same

thing out of a trail, and I think those words in the draft plan 'mislead' the reader into thinking bikes are somehow different.

I think a "no net gain" policy on trail planning is too general. There are many areas in the Fells that have too many trails and could benefit from a reduction (areas of "spider web" trails). There are also many areas of the Fells that have few trails and little traffic, and could benefit from some trail expansion. I think each area of the Fells should be judged on its own properties and conditions, and not be held to a generic rule like 'no net gain'.

Very relevant to my above point, I think that separating overlapping trails is an excellent idea (the idea DID come from my FellsBiker proposal after all). The goal should be to have each trail be its own unique experience. The Reservoir and Skyline trail overlap a lot, as does the Skyline and Cross Fells. The Cross Fells also has significant fire road overlap. All of those trails could be separated. This would have a net gain of trail distance, but the trails could be well planned and sustainable. This would, in my opinion, improve everyone's trail experience. Removing overlap would also make the trails even easier to follow, reducing the amount of people getting lost.

I also like the idea mentioned in the Draft Plan, of completing a loop around Spot Pond. That would be a nice trail, and could possibly be joined with the Cross Fells trail, to turn the Cross Fells trail into a loop, instead of a straight-line trail.

Bikers are not getting, or even requesting, any biker-only trails. Why do hikers get hiker-only trails? I don't think there should be any hiking-only trails in the Fells. However if hiking-only trails have to happen, they should be placed in secluded, low traffic areas of the Fells where their existence won't detract from the trail experience of other users.

For example, the Rock Circuit Trail and the Lawrence Woods area, are both located in what you might call the "far corners" of the Fells. Either of those areas would be a much more appropriate place for a hiker-only trail, than the Skyline trail. The rock circuit is an amazingly fun and challenging trail, for hikers and bikers. I don't want it to be hiker-only. But it would be a much more logical trail than the Skyline trail.

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Thank you for your efforts, DCR. I eagerly await the next step in this process.

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The Fells provides many educational opportunities for school children and adults. I can't believe that the DCR could, in all good conscience, make such drastic changes to such an important recreational area.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:27 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); Sullivan, Rick (DCR); Overton, Samantha (DCR); Gove, Nicholas (DCR); Walsh, Thomas M (DCR); Crawford, Conrad (DCR); Briere, Gary (DCR)

Subject: DCR Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail Plan

Attachments: DCR-letter-11-10-10.doc

Dear MA Park & State Officials,

Attached is a letter with comments on the above trail plan.
Thank you for requesting public input on this matter.

Yours truly,

Carole Powers

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Dear MA State Officials & Park Representatives,

Thank you for your efforts in developing this trail plan and taking inventory of the trails and resources. The plan seems like progress toward equality among user groups at the park. As a mountain biker, hiker, xc skier, and frequent visitor to the Fells, it's my hope that:

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- volunteering opportunities & cooperation increase among the DCR and the various user groups in re-routing & restoring problem trails. A group like nemba has the financing, experience and education to perform trail maintenance, but has been rejected frequently in the past;
- closure of the park due to wet conditions be limited to March & April (the winter thaw) and apply to all users;
- shared access be considered for all users, including bikers, to the Reservoir, Cross Fells, Crystal Springs and Skyline Trails

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- the long hollow pond trail plan be reconsidered and that the trails be opened to mountain bikers, since the increased bike traffic would have the effect of decreasing cruising and the associated "condom trash".

- the Virginia woods remain open to users, otherwise it will prevent certain trail loops from being complete. Completed loops seem to prevent users from becoming lost in the Fells.

Shared access to trails that includes the biking community would be more equitable than the current rules and provide access to highly desirable single track for all, and which is currently limited to about 2 miles for bikers (See Section 3.4 in the plan.) Not only would it provide a better, more varied riding experience, but allowing biking access to sections of the park where biking is currently banned could assist in decreasing "cruising" in those areas and limit the associated "condom trash" to the benefit of all. The increased access and more fair treatment of various user groups would encourage previously marginalized groups to feel included, causing more folks to be willing to volunteer and also creating additional awareness among users of the newly-established rules.

Thanks again for your consideration.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:43 PM
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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From: Darcy Paige [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 9:11 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I enjoy walking in the Fells whenever we can. When I am unable to walk the trails, I take great solace in knowing that it is there, and that the complex web of plant and wildlife is quietly 'doing its thing'. As a trained horticulturist and an organic land care professional, I have studied and observed the complexities of nature and have a basic understanding of how fragile and rare ecosystems such as those in the Fells are, and how easily they can be fractured or damaged by human presence.

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature in a way that is controlled so that the human impact is slight. I fear that the proposed increased use of mountain bikes in the Fells would not contribute to the reservation of the natural communities in the Fells and that a Resource Management Plan needs to be conducted to determine the impact of the increased bike use BEFORE the trails are changed.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Darcy Paige
Melrose

Darcy Paige, MEd, MCH, AOLCP

Certified Landscape Designer
Laurel Garden Design

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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 9:16 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 10:18 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Andrew Hally
Subject: comments on the DCR Middlesex Fells draft trail system plan

To whom it may concern,

I would like to provide feedback on the draft Middlesex Fells trail system plan. By way of background, I have been living in the Boston area for nearly 25 years and an enthusiastic Fells visitor for most of that time. My most common usage is mountain biking. It's hard to overstate how much I value being able to get in a quick ride during a busy weekend because the Fells is less than 10 minutes from home. I also enjoy cross-country skiing on the rare occasions it's possible and hiking. More recently, I've been taking my young children to the Fells to balance city living with the outdoors. We hike, climb rocks, and mountain bike together.

On the whole I am very excited about the draft trail system plan as it addresses a number of things that would considerably improve my and my family's enjoyment and usage of the Fells. Specifically:

* Lack of "legal" mountain bike trail: the fun of a Fells ride is definitely diminished by repetitiveness. There is a such a dearth of entertaining, single-track trail where mountain biking is permitted that one ends up riding almost exactly the same route every time, most of which is made up of relatively less enjoyable fire roads connecting a few precious feet of deliciousness! So I very much support section 6.9's recommendations for establishing multi-use trails in the Dark Hollow area, designating Reservoir Trail as multi-use, and evaluating the change of other trails including Cross Fells and Crystal Springs trails for shared use. I do NOT support the recommendation in 6.8 for designating Skyline trail as pedestrian only.

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* Getting lost: after many years of enjoying the Fells, this is less of an issue now, but even still I sometimes find myself unsure of the trail or accidentally continuing on a hiking only trail due to the lack of signage and numerous trail crossings. Recommendations 6.1, to reduce trail inventory, and 6.3, to improve signage, markings and maps, would improve this situation.

* Difficulty parking: my recreation time is sometimes reduced by having to search for parking. The problem is compounded when with my children who have less energy to get to our desired section of the Fells when we have to find parking further away. The recommendations in 6.5 to enhance parking and access, in particular from South Border Road, would be a big help.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard, and for your continuing stewardship of this valuable urban park.

Sincerely,
Andrew Hally

Charlestown, MA 02129

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of barry greenhalgh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 10:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org

Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:

barry greenhalgh

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 12:21 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 12:32 AM
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation

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As walkers we wish to ask that you re-consider plans to expand the bike trails in the Reservation. We feel the expansion will adversely affect those of us who wish to walk safely while enjoying the peace and solitude that the Reservation offers to so many of us. We believe it necessary to speak out at this time as your proposal will alienate those of us who try to preserve some quiet space . Finding this is becoming difficult in these "fast moving times".

Please keep the Reservation fair and balanced.

Sincerely,

Dolores and James Cohen
[REDACTED] Melrose, Ma 02176

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Email:

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 3:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells

To Whom it Should Concern,
11/11/10

If there has to be any changes to the Fells it should only be to improve it. The natural beauty is only destroyed when man comes along and does things that are not in harmony with it. Please be most considerate of the environmental and safety issues that are at stake here.

The Middlesex Fells
Reservation was created as a place of respite from the toils of the city life. It also is a learning experience for the many families as well as my own who have entered this small urban forest. Please honor and protect this piece of earth from misuse.

Thank you!
Arthur and Mary Brown

Medford, MA 02155

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 4:21 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trails Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft trail system plan for Middlesex Fells Reservation. I have been fortunate to have participated in low impact orienteering activities at the Fells which has in turn opened my eyes to this wonderful state resource. I support the responsible use by orienteers at the Fells reservation and similar spaces through the region.

Orienteering is a map navigation sport. Orienteers travel by foot, on-trail and off-trail. It is done without adverse impact to natural resources and creates supporters of DCR facilities.

We are pleased to see that the draft plan mentions allowing permitted off-trail use, but are concerned about the negative tone in references to all off-trail use.

We suggest these changes to the plan:

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2. Include the New England Orienteering Club as a Stewardship Partner in Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed McDonough

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Kipp Carlisle [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 4:51 PM

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Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 8:34 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); Adam Glick; mully@zipcar.com
Subject: Comments on the Fells Draft Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

As with any proposal of this scope and scale, there are both positives and negatives in the DCR Draft Plan for the Fells.

Kudos:

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Concerns:

- 6.8: Designation of Skyline (White) as hiker only
- 6.9: Designation of Virginia Woods as pedestrian only
- 6.9: Evaluation of various user groups by time/day

The tone of the report strikes me as one trying to balance separate and identifiable user groups that exist in nice, clean categories. I visit the Fells on a weekly basis but am not so easily pegged. I:

- trail run with my dad
- walk with my dog
- mountain bike
- hike

In many of the proposed changes, choosing one activity and restricting others is a false choice. We all love the Fells and shared-use can and will succeed in metro-Boston's closest outdoor sanctuary for multiple user groups.

Respectfully,

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Arlington, MA

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Ashley Johnson
Email:

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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 5:59 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Newton-Cheh, Christopher H,M.D.
Subject: Fells use

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft trail system plan for Middlesex Fells Reservation. I support the responsible use and stewardship of this property and similar open space through the region.

Orienteering is a map navigation sport. Orienteers travel by foot, on-trail and off-trail. We have been hosting events for the general public, and teaching map-reading and navigation to schoolchildren in the Middlesex Fells, for over 30 years. This has been done without adverse impact to natural resources.

We are pleased to see that the draft plan mentions allowing permitted off-trail use, but are concerned about the negative tone in references to all off-trail use.

I suggest these changes to the plan:

1. Add orienteering as a secondary use in section 2.8, Current Uses.
2. Include the New england orienteering Club as a Stewardship Partner in Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners.

Orienteering has become an important part of my family's life and has helped make being in the outdoors a natural part of my 3 sons lives. Thanks very much.

Christopher Newton-Cheh, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Massachusetts General Hospital
Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT
Center for Human Genetic Research | Cardiovascular Research Center
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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Myles Johnson [REDACTED]
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From: pcsabin@gmail.com on behalf of Paul Sabin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 7:55 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: FellsTrail Comments

Hello,

I'm an orienteerer appreciate the use of the Fells for orienteering which includes off trail use. I understand you will be receiving an letter from NEOC (New england orienteering Club) and I would like to voice my support for their position and recommendations.

Thank you for you work with public lands!

Best,
Paul

Paul Sabin
Principal
Fikst - Product Development

Woburn, MA 01801

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Kasia Michalek [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 8:18 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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Email:

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Sincerely,

Mike Smith

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jason Marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 10:51 AM

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From: Lauren Valone [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 11:36 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails System Plan

To whom this may concern:

I have enjoyed the Fells Reservation my entire life, and the thought of not being able to truly pains me. In the many years that I have used this park, I have been able to see the damage that mountain bikes cause to the ecosystem. Additionally, there are so many hikers

and walkers who will continue to use the Fells even if it is converted to a mountain bike park. This will cause unnecessary friction and issues. The Fells should be for everyone.

The Fells Trails System Plan must remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway. Furthermore, no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Sincerely,
Lauren Valone

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Rob LeVangie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 12:00 PM
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The Directors of NEOC and CSU will likely be submitting similar comments as well. I support their comments wholeheartedly

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Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 4:10 PM
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Liam Brien
Email:

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From: Fairlie Dalton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 8:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Opposition

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As urged at the meeting, I have read the Fells Trails System Plan - it is correct that the Fells is an amazing resource supporting a wide range of plant and animal species, and that we who live near the Fells are blessed to have such an ecologically complex areas in a semi-urban setting. However, I fear that DCR's draft plan to make the Fells into more of a "recreation" area will drain away the very features that allow the biodiversity, the vernal pools, nature itself to exist there. The Fells should remain more a "reservation" as it now is. Not all of the Fells needs to be developed to support humans' present enjoyment of all of the area.

I have been walking in the Fells for the 16 years that I have lived in the area. Last year I was saddened (and annoyed) to come upon a bike jump that had been constructed next to a trail. It was obviously the work of humans and it only served as an obstacle to pedestrians. No doubt it enhanced and challenged the biking experience for someone. Plant life was destroyed in the process and no doubt it was a source of erosion in the next rainstorm. The Fells lost another piece of itself to "recreation". This was prohibited by current regulations, usage and common sense, but there it was. Why would DCR increase the likelihood of such damage to the Fells?

I realize that all of us - pedestrians, pets, bikers - need to remain on-trail and that the FTSP has identified some trails which should be closed entirely to all of us. So be it. But please do not expand mountain bike usage in the Fells - leave some areas of solitude and peace for those of us who enjoy the Fells as a "reservation".

Thank you for your consideration,
Fairlie A. Dalton, Melrose

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jesse Mahan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 8:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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From: Jeff Leiserson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 9:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Planning and Orienteering

Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Winchester and frequently use the Fells. Some of those visits to the Fells are for orienteering meets, held by the New England Orienteering Club or the Cambridge Sports Union. By definition, orienteering involves both on-trail and off-trail activity. I strongly

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The intensive activity at orienteering meets (multiple people in the same area) is at the start and finish. The spots are generally parking lots and are not damaged by the activity. (In my memory, the Sheepfold lot, Long Pond lot, Fallon Road, Medford High School parking lot, and the old hospital site on Woodland Road have been used for this purpose.)

John Leiserson

Winchester, MA

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Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: No Resource Protection in the Fells

To The Department of Conservation and Recreation:

Our dog Jack and I enjoy a beautiful walk in the Fells every morning and Jack and my husband go every evening.

We see bikers, hikers and other dog walkers and wish them well.

We do not agree with and expansion to convert Fells hiking trails to bike use.

My husband and myself are for enforcement of resource protection in the Fells.

We support the legally required Resource Management Plan.

We consider the Fells Reservation as a very welcome gift: there for everyone.

Thank you,

Barbara and Terry Cracknell

Wincheater, Ma. 01890

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Concern for the future

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express both my deep concern for the future of the Fells natural beauty, and my puzzlement as to how a plan for trails can be implemented before a Resource Management Plan is conducted and reported.

Given that the RMP is announced to begin in only a couple of months, what possible reason is there to push through another plan now which may well need be altered after all information is on the table?

Please reconsider the timing of this trail plan, and table it until the RMP is completed. I cannot imagine that a Department of Conservation and Recreation would do anything less than take this wiser course!

Thank You. Sincerely, Beverly Anne Hamlin

From:

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Subject: Fells Trails Plan

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:

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I am so grateful that this land has been protected by the generations before us and it would be heartbreaking if this area is damaged during your stewardship. Such a policy change must be considered only as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan with further public input in order to preserve this gem for those who respect the Reservation and for those who come after us, not just for a minority of bikers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Fern Ganley
Medford, Massachusetts

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Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 1:45 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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From: June Cuttino [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 2:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: mountain bikes in Fells

No! Letting in bikers will eventually result in only bikers using the Fells. They will take over, make the trails dangerous for walkers, do ever more dangerous rides and stunts resulting in accidents, probably be raucous and leave water bottles and other debris as litter, go off trail which will disturb or destroy plants, and basically change the Fells from a family and hikers retreat to a young men's stomping ground.

From: Lisa Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 2:18 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trail Plan

Dear DCR staff,

The Middlesex Fells is an amazing natural resource for all of us in the surrounding towns and I support any efforts to preserve it as a natural setting rather than creating a "recreational park" that would feel more urban. I have read the proposed Fells Trail Plan to convert many Fells trails to bike use. I hike in the Fells a least

twice a week and have had negative experiences with mountain bikers on the trails I use. I like the Fells for the peaceful solitude that is possible there. I see lots of hikers with children and dogs walking quietly, appreciating nature. Wilderness areas, like the White Mountain national forest, do not allow bikers because they scare wildlife and destroy plants.

Many bikers(not all)use the Fells as an obstacle course and often are not considerate when passing, expecting hikers to stand out of their way very quickly (yelling "on your left") or be mown down. They have built jumps and ramps in some sections which destroys the trail and they ride straight through muddy areas, making big potholes. Bikers are fewer in number than hikers, but make a larger impact in trail damage. There seem to be too many pedestrians using the trails for dual use to be practical.

On trails that are currently dual hiking and biking use, enforcement is essential, keeping bikers from restricted trails and asking bike clubs to contribute to trail maintenance. Since I have seen bikers on several occasions on the Skyline Trail (a hiking only trail); I do not trust all bikers to follow restrictions.

I would request opening the fire roads to legal hiking. I am not aware of anyone doing anything other than throwing stones in the reservoir water, which does not harm it for drinking. Enforcing dog owners to pick up dog poop would decrease the risk of contamination. I have never had any problems with dogs who are off leash, and dogs are allowed off leash in wilderness areas.

A legally required comprehensive Resource Management Plan is essential to protect the wildlife, plants and everyone who visits this incredibly beautiful reservation. Please make no changes in trails policies without such a comprehensive process. Thank you.

Elizabeth Kennedy

Medford, MA 02155

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of scott Tarbox [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 2:51 PM
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From: Maximilian Heinegg [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 3:06 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please do not add biking trails to the Fells

Hello,
I am writing to you to ask that no biking trails be added to the Fells.

My family and I are Medford residents and I have been teaching the Medford Public Schools for 13 years. We take walks throughout the Fells, and are concerned that more biking will turn what is a place of peace and solitude into a recreation park - exactly what the Fells is not supposed to be.

I have noticed the deleterious effects of bicycles on the trails, and have had my two small children nearly knocked over by cyclists. In short, I believe that the current 35 miles of trails open to cyclists is ample, and there is no need to add more.

Sincerely,

Max Heinegg

██████████ Medford, MA 02155

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Dave Bolduc [██████████]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 5:54 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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Name:

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Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 7:06 AM

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Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 7:56 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells Trails Plan

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still opportunities to enjoy nature and experience some solitude in between bike riders. Please be very careful and plan for the true use of ALL citizens and not just those with an interest in biking. Is it really worth risking this beautiful piece of nature to satisfy the ever growing need of those with the funds to control all and provide the extreme style of this kind of fun.

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Thank you
Carol McGreevy

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of don wulff [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 9:06 AM
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Name:
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From: Jo-Anne Petrucci [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 11:12 AM
To: Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: Out of Office: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

Hi Paul,

Thank you for forwarding the Fellsway plan info, which I have been reading through as my time allows. It is an impressive document in it's scale and scope of the resource that many hold so dear.

I used to live in Medford and spent many hours in my youth exploring the Fells alone and with friends. It's easy to see how this urban oasis would make many people territorial and selfish in regard to their own recreational pursuits. I think a look at other State parks and land managers would be helpful in bringing the various factions together so that everyone can enjoy the Fells. It's a public resource that all groups can and should enjoy. I currently live in Newburyport MA.

I am an avid hiker, skier and mountain biker. Even at 58 years old I can still move around enough to enjoy all three sports. I'm also a dog owner and walker. At Harold Parker State forest and at Willowdale in Ipswich, mountain bikers have been working with the land managers to build AND maintain trails, existing and new. Walkers, equestrians and bikers all enjoy the same trails. Organizations such as NEMBA have built user friendly (for walkers/hikers too) trails, improved drainage and built elevated walkway/bridges to protect vernal pools and wetlands as well as countless hours of stonework and drainage waterbar projects. I don't know of any other group that feels so strongly about their sport that actually volunteers time to do this sort of difficult work to maintain their trails. Out West, various biking groups have worked with the Sierra Club to restore/improve trails that were built in the 1930's by the C.C.C..

Dog walkers and walkers and all others should enjoy their pursuits in areas that mountain bikers are totally excluded, but keep in mind that most people are trail "users" and do nothing to maintain the area that they enjoy. Mountain bikers should have access to more single track in the Fells and will certainly volunteer to build it AND maintain the resource at no cost to the Commonwealth.

The Fells plan does acknowledge that there is a need for more single track trails. The problem seems to be the bias that the sport has in the eyes of some other users. I know that I personally always try to be considerate of others when riding. Equestrians and pedestrians alike.

Thank you again for your efforts. I hope this lengthy response was helpful in some way.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Petrucci

From: alice grossman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 12:25 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: bike trails

Unmanaged biketrails throughout the Fells will insure it's destruction!! Please-NO EXPANSION OF BIKE TRAILS IN THE FELLS! This is unique and beautiful and RARE green space in this area. Don't jeopardize it and the safety and peace of respectful walkers and nature lovers who use it with mountain bike trails!! Bike Trails destroy true conservation land!!

Thank you,
Alice Grossman

From: Barb Bryant [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 1:07 PM
To: fellstrail.comments
Subject: Comment on Draft Middlesex Fells Trails Plan
Attachments: group_photo.jpg; smile.jpg; running_with_map_and_bag.jpg; kids_with_map_and_garbage_bag.jpg

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the trails plan!

I have been bringing students from Melrose and Cambridge in grades 1 through 8 to the Middlesex Fells for the past 8 years, to orienteer (map navigation), to learn about geology, and to clean up the woods. I started working with kids as a parent volunteer in my children's school, and it grew to include additional students through my involvement with the New England Orienteering Club, and by word of mouth from teachers I'd worked with. I'd guess that somewhat over 300 kids have experienced the Fells through trips I've been involved with.

I'm writing to encourage you to consider these children as important users of the Fells, along with the conservationists, the nature lovers, the bikers, the dog-walkers, and the rest. A lot of these kids had grown up in an urban environment and had never been to the woods! They came away from their experiences with an appreciation for the beauty of the woods, a feeling having made a difference when they pick up the garbage, and the skill of reading and using a map.

I'd like to ask you to include orienteering as an important use of the Fells, and to thank you for making it possible all these years through your work with the local orienteering clubs and our schools.

Barbara Bryant

P.S., I'm attaching a few photos of these beautiful kids in the Fells!

From: Beverly Sky [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 2:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

November 14, 2010

To whom it may concern,

I OPPOSE, very strongly the conversion of the Fells Reservation Hiking trails to bike use.

Over the last 20 years, my family and I have enjoyed the wonderful gifts of hiking in all seasons in the Fells Reservation hiking trails.

In the last ten years, with the huge proliferation of mountain bikes using the trails, the hiking trails have been seriously degraded. Small trails have become highways, with exposed tree roots, rutted trails and destroyed abutting foliage.

Bikers Do Not Obey Trail Signs. There may be a few who do, but look at the results of bikers on the trails...it does not take a naturalist to see that there are constantly new off- trails being started and enlarged as bikers become bored going over the same terrain at high speeds and are always tearing up new paths to make the ride more challenging or interesting for their workouts.

On my walks, no matter what day of the week or time of day, I encounter at least one and usually several riders (they ride in aggressive packs) on non-bike trails.

It is so sad to see a place of such beauty and solitude being Environmentally degraded so rapidly. It would take 50 years of people constantly walking over a path in all seasons to erode as much soil and foliage as a group of bikers can do in one pass on a trail that is too wet or too dry.

I urge the DCR to protect our Fells for the future use of people walking and enjoying one of the last great public woodlands within the Rt.128 perimeter.

Fells Trails Plan Policy changes must be considered only as part of a Comprehensive Resource Management Plan public process.

Cordially,

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Heather Ribaud [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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From: KIMBERELY CUSCUNA [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 4:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan - Proposed Changes to Fells Reservation - Comments

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this email to express concern regarding the proposal to convert the majority of Fells Reservation hiking trails to bike use. I am a local resident who is against this proposal. I would like the Fells to remain the way it is, a Reservation where nature is appreciated and honored. A wide open recreation park is Not what the Fells was created for.

Also, I believe that Fells Trails Plan policy changes be considered only as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan Public Process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Armando Cuscuna

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Ciaran Dalton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

I support DCR's Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

Name:
Ciaran Dalton
Email:

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From: John Golebiewski [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Comments, FellsTrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: Out of Office: Mountain biking expansions at the Fells

Thank you. My comment may be posted for public viewing but please do not include my contact information.

The abridged comments look like this (this can be posted for public viewing if desired):

"Dear friends at the DCR,

I'm sure you've heard a lot of talk on both sides of the issue regarding the future expansion of mountain bike trails, bike access and the enforcement of Fells mountain biking policy.

For what it's worth, here's just a few more words from a local Medford resident.

I live in North Medford just a few minutes from Wright's Tower. For the past four years I have been exploring the beautiful winding trails through the Middlesex Fells. Were it not for the rejuvenating calm and quiet of the trails - and its astonishing natural beauty - I really wouldn't bother traveling through the Fells and neither would I think most others. I honestly think it's good and fair to demarcate certain portions of the Fells as mountain-bike friendly. Biking through the Fells, in carefully monitored and maintained areas, is fun for many and provides yet another of many ways the Fells can be enjoyed. All but the most radical would agree.

If bike trails must be expanded, they should still be limited and I think many of us would appreciate if they were restricted primarily to access roads where the trails are wide anyway and the threat to wildlife is minimal. Just please be sensible with any mountain bike expansion plans - and sensitive to the interests of both local residents and the intrinsic value of the region's wildlife. In a time of growing discontent with urban sprawl, what urban folks really crave is pure, untouched wilderness. That's what the Fells have always offered and that's what draws people back to it day after day. There's so little truly wild land left in this state. Wilderness is what makes the Fells unique. If the goal is to promote use

of the Fells, please don't ruin it by letting unchecked recreation carve it up. If bike trails expand too much, the Fells will attract a few more bike visitors, will lose a lot of hikers, and will eventually become undesirable to both.

Thank you for listening to us.

-John
Medford, MA"

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Mark Gedraitis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 5:39 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Mark Gedraitis
Email:

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From: Elizabeth Breuer Stacey [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 6:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Resource Management Plan

I am writing to urge that Fells Trails Plan policy changes be considered only as part of a compressive Resource Management Plan public process. There are enough trails open for bike use. Please consider this.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Stacey

Friend of the Middlesex Fells

Elizabeth Breuer Stacey

From: Lori Lyn Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 8:27 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: resource Management Plan

Hello,

I am concerned that many trails in the Middlesex Fells Reservation will be converted to bike trails. This will completely change the trail system, pedestrian use of the Fells, and the ecosystem. Please keep the Fells Trails System Plan in draft until the Fells Resource Management Plan is completed, and that no significant changes in Fells Reservation Trail use be made until the Management Plan is completed.

Protect the Fells.

Thank you

Lori Lyn Price

Winchester, MA

From: njthyson <[REDACTED]>
To: Fellstrail.Comment <Fellstrail.Comment@state.ma.us>
Sent: Sun, Nov 14, 2010 3:48 pm

Subject: Bike Trails in Fells

To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow bike trails in the Fells Reservation. It is essential to protect plant and wildlife, and to assure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. In addition biking around and in the vicinity of the water reservoirs is not the proper thing to do to assure uncontaminated drinking water. Unfortunately, bikers do not stay on the designated paths and endangered plants and habitats will be destroyed forever.

Thank you for your consideration,
Noel and Judy Thyson

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of russell kaphan [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 10:36 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
russell kaphan
Email:

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Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 11:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Juan Garcia
Email:

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Derek Emery [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 7:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Derek Emery
Email:

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From: [REDACTED] Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:57 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc:
Subject: Fells Trails System Plan

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. I have enjoyed walking in the Fells for seventy years and enjoyed the plant and wildlife.

It is most important to protect the plant and wildlife and the people who walk there. Opening hiking trails to bike use, especially in muddy weather could lead to environmental damage of sensitive and rare plants and could threaten the safety of walkers.

I beg you to wait until a comprehensive and full resource plan is completed. Perhaps the bikes would then be regulated to certain areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Betsey Spiller
[REDACTED] Winchester, MA 01890

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Daniel Slywka [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Daniel Slywka
Email:

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From: Janice Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Changes to the Fells

Please assure us all that the Fells Trails System Plan will remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

Please guarantee that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed

Janice Wilson
[REDACTED] Winchester Ma 01890

From: Phil Primack [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:43 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: mountain biking balance

I've walked the Fells in Winchester and Medford for 20 years. The damage from bikes has become more and more pronounced, especially when the ground is wet or soft. Worse, the attitude of some of them -- that I can go wherever I want -- has also worsened. I've tried to explain to some of them that those tire tracks turn into ruts which turn into erosion which ..

And the idea that a bike whose actions cause longterm damage has equal rights or standing with a person (or dog) on foot is ludicrous.

It is probably impossible to stop irresponsible users (on bikes and otherwise). But by officially opening additional trails to bikers, DCR would be further enabling both greater damage and further irresponsibility.

phil primack

From: Nancy Quinn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:39 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells future

Dear Department of Conservation and Recreation --

Please consider leaving current trails for hiking only as is. The bike trails currently extend 35 miles and taking away hiking trails for bicycle use seems unnecessary.

The Fells hiking trails should remain as the peaceful, beautiful place it is - where families and residents can enjoy taking simple hikes in safety.

Thank you,
Nancy B. Quinn

[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jonathan Kleinberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Jonathan Kleinberg
Email:

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Steve Richards [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Michelle Henderson []
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Michelle Henderson
Email:

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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:49 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:05 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From: Pete & Laura Lane [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:07 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Draft trail plan for Middlesex Fells

I like to orienteer in the Middlesex Fells, and elsewhere. I understand that orienteering has been a permitted activity in the Fells for about 30 years.

Orienteering involved both on trail and off trail navigation using a map. And I am concerned about the apparent negative characterization in the draft report of all trail use. To the best of my knowledge, orienteering has not resulted negative impacts.

Accordingly, I would like to see the trail plan acknowledge orienteering as a legitimate off trail use. And we request that the tone of the trail plan be amended such that off trail use is not necessarily negative.

Pete Lane

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Kris [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:08 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Kris
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Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:09 AM
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Cc: [REDACTED] Lewis, Jason (HOU); Jehlen, Patricia (SEN)
Subject: Fells Trail Plan

Department of Conservation and Recreation

To whom it may concern:

Please preserve the Fells as a Reservation where people can safely experience nature without the use and interference of bikes. For over 100 years the Fells has provided a resource for those in the Boston metropolitan area who wish to leave mechanical objects behind them for the renewing effects of a walk in the woods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Henry Curtis

Henry J. Curtis, Jr., Esq.
Curtis Law Office
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Subject: DCR Draft Fells Trails Plan Public Comment submission

Dear Sir or Madam:

First of all I would like to thank the DCR and everyone involved in the Middlesex Fells Trail System Plan process. The plan covers a lot of ground and shows a great deal of thought and diligent care in addressing the needs of such a diverse group of users, as well as protecting the Middlesex Fells and its future at the same time.

I am writing to you as an unusually frequent and multi-purpose user in the Middlesex Fells: I am an avid mountain biker, hiker, trail runner, cross country skier, snowshoer and owner of two dogs that I walk in the Fells, so I am in the Fells for one or more activities on most days of the year. I am also an active member of NEMBA, AMC and the Sierra Club, so I am familiar with the needs and concerns of many of the users' groups in the Fells.

Today I would like to comment specifically on the provisions for mountain biking in the Fells.

I am in agreement with the draft plan Section 6, paragraph 6.9, stating that the Reservoir Trail as well as part of the Cross Fells and the Crystal Springs trails shall be open to multiple uses. I am also in favor of developing a small number of selectively chosen existing trails in the Dark Hollow area; closing the vast majority of spider web trails; and preserving sensitive wetland and vernal pool resources while connecting this section with the Bear Hill and Sheepfold areas and other multi-use trails.

I think limiting the mountain bikers to the 6 mile mountain bike loop, with only 1.5 miles of single trail within the park, is unnecessarily restrictive. Expanding access to single track trails as suggested above will enhance cyclists' experience and also — importantly — serve to discourage bikers from resorting to prohibited trails.

For similar reasons, I disagree with paragraph 6.8, restricting the Virginia Woods area to pedestrian only use. Many bikers from Melrose and Stoneham use this section to enter into the main part of the park and closing this section would force them to ride on the street to enter one of the biking loops.

I would support shortening the winter closure for bikers in the Fells to March 1 - April 15 as conditions warrant, so long as it is truly implemented based on the observed condition of the trails during the early spring thaw. As a frequent cross country skier in the Fells, I have witnessed that walkers and snowshoers affect ski tracks far more than the few bikers who are currently illegally in the Fells in the winter. That said, I am concerned with the general preservation of the trails during the sensitive thaw period.

With these points in mind, I also agree with paragraph 6.1, limiting the total number of trail miles and systems in the Fells. The large number of redundant and unnecessary trails is negatively impacting the natural environment in the Fells. I also agree that a concerted effort is needed from all use-group parties to successfully implement this recommendation. I and many members of NEMBA and AMC would be willing to help in this effort. (A strong suit of the NEMBA organization is its trail maintenance programs, evidence of which can be seen in many locations throughout the DCR parks system.)

To this end, I am also in favor of 6.3, improving maps and signage throughout the park for all the users of the Middlesex Fells, as well as 6.6: I believe that trail user education, including both navigation and etiquette, is especially important to the success of the new trail policies.

Multi-user trail ambassador/trail watch programs have proven successful at other DCR parks, like Blue Hills Reservation, where they formed a trail watch committee of concerned recreational trail users whose goal is to promote safe and cooperative trail use by acting as an educational liaison between the DCR and the public. I would be interested in volunteering for a program patterned on this example here in the Middlesex Fells.

I offer these comments based on my own experience as a walker, hiker, snowshoer, biker, runner, cross country skier, and conservation-minded neighbor. I believe strongly that in order for the Trail System Plan to work in the Middlesex Fells, the user communities must partner with the DCR to continue to improve, protect, and manage our outdoor recreational experience while conserving the natural resources in the park.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Rick Forzese
Winchester, MA

From: Marsha Lamson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Reservation concern

Please do NOT increase bike usage in the Fells. It will damage the hundreds of plant species uniquely found there. The Fells is a gem in our state, providing a home for plants, trees, birds and animals. It must not be harmed by bikes.

Regards,

Marsha Lamson
[REDACTED] Winchester MA 01890

From: Steve Gyurina [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 2:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Mike Ryan
Subject: Three Reasons Why Mountain Bike Access Should Not be Increased in the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Attachments: ThreeReasonWhyBikingShouldNotbeIncreasedv2.doc; ATT00001.htm

Three Reasons Why Mountain Bike Access Should Not be Increased in the Middlesex Fells Reservation

1) Despite claims of the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) that biking and hiking have a similar impact on trails, a careful reading of available studies and surveys does NOT support this claim, and it is obvious to any long time user of the Fells that mountain biking causes significantly more damage to trails at the Fells than hiking and needs to be carefully regulated. Currently regulation is non-existent. It makes no sense to increase usage under these circumstances.

2) If 60% of trails in the Fells are in good condition as the DCR claims, as opposed to an average of only 40% found in other parks where biking is unregulated, current restrictions are playing an important role in protecting the Middlesex Fells and should not be changed.

3) Mountain biking is a 5.6 billion dollar biking industry which is lobbying hard nationally for increased trail access to stimulate bike sales (see www.bikesbelong.org). NEMBA is on the frontline of this effort, and receives substantial financial and logistical assistance to support this push. Success in the Fells is critically important to the biking industry as part of their campaign to expand bike usage and sales. However the DCR's mandate is to protect and preserve the resources of the Middlesex Fells for all the people of Massachusetts, not to assist a biking industry in its drive for bike use expansion and greater sales revenues.

- Steve Gyurina, Melrose, Massachusetts

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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Jeff Peterson
Email:

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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Need for a Fells RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

For over a century the Middlesex Fells has served as a Reservation where nature is appreciated and honored. A wide-open recreation park is not what the Fells was created for. Converting more of the Fells' hiking trails to bike use will destroy sensitive plant communities, impinge upon the solitude and peacefulness of walks in nature, and threaten public safety.

I feel I must speak up for the beauty of the Fells before it is too late. The Fells' future should consider EVERY user group. I urge you to consider Fells Trails Plan policy changes only as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan public process. This land is too valuable to sacrifice to the sporting needs of any one particular group.

Most sincerely,
Elizabeth Selim
Medford, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Ruth Allen [REDACTED]
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From:
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:23 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments

I'm personally against officially allowing more bikers.

Betsy Northrup

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of mitch england [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:40 PM
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Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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mitch england
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From: Barbara Keyes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

I along with many others are very concerned about the plan to increase bike usage in the Fells. I feel that increased usage would negatively impact plant growth, the Winchester water supply, and the peaceful walking paths.

Please do not make this decision before the complete study is has been done.

Thank you,
Barbara Keyes

From: Regis Pelloux [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells reservation

Dear Sirs

My husband and I have used the Fells for years,since 1968 and we hate to think of it changing. We hiked there,walked our children and my mother there, skated in the winter and crossed country skied. There were bikes there and my son did mountain biking there . I think the trails have to be controlled as it is necessary to protect the wildflowers and the trails themselves. I think care should be taken before too many changes are done Thank you Sincerely Isabel and Regis Pelloux [REDACTED] Winchester

From: Sandy Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Concern over plan for Middlesex Fells

Hello,

I'm a long-term resident of Medford, MA who frequently both hikes & bikes in the Middlesex Fells. I'm writing with concerns over the proposed Fells Trails Plan that would turn the majority of the Fells hiking trails into bike trails also.

This would be a huge loss for the Fells! It would take away much of what makes the Fells such a special place! As a cyclist, I find plenty of miles to ride. And as a hiker, I cherish the fact that there are non-bike trails. The Fells is a special quiet place to retreat from after a busy, stressful day without having to go far from Boston. It's well-used by many who want to stroll & stretch our legs in peaceful nature walks. I see people with families--little kids--that would be endangered by cyclists rushing by.

Opening up trails to cyclists would change the nature of this wonderful environmental resource in a negative way.

I urge you to keep the proposed plan in draft form until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is vetted.

Thank you,
Sandy Smith
Medford, MA

From: K Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 4:00 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails System Plan

To whom it may concern,

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE FELS TRAIL USAGE UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF A
COMPREHENSIVE FELS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN!!!!

The Fells must be protected for our and future generations!

We are so fortunate that those who preceded us had the foresight to set
aside this area from development. Let's not destroy it now.

Make parts of it available to mountain bikes if you wish, but don't let them
endanger the safety of those walking and hiking in the area, to say nothing
about destroying the unique vegetation that grows there.

Enforcement of all rules should also be provided by state and local police
forces.

PLEASE THINK TWICE BEFORE DOING ANYTHING THAT IS DANGEROUS AND
DESTRUCTIVE.

Thank you.

Keith Russell

Winchester, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of sarah porter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 5:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
sarah porter
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From: Betty Falxa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Hikers and Mountain Bikes

Dear Sir,

We love to hike in the parks around Boston. Mountain bikers come upon us at fast speeds and not only scare us, but also expect us to move out of their way so as not to slow them down. As a result they do not always tell us they are pushing past, or on our right or left. We have moved quickly only to be in contact with them as they push past on the side of the trail.

Please designate and sign those trails for mountain bikes. We do not believe bikes should be on hikers' trails. We believe they are incompatible with people on foot with elderly or kids.

Thank you for separating hikers and bikers.
Betty and Martin Falxa

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of James Keller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 5:21 PM
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Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 5:44 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan
Attachments: image001.gif

RE Orienteering Club Use

I have a concern about continued use by Orienteering groups that by nature are off trail

They are typically run on limited schedules with limited impact

Also concerned about any Geochacing opportunities

I fully understand the need for conservation but don't want to see uses limited and so restrictive that we fail to encourage all outdoor activities so needed in this day

I also am a Mountain biker and dog owner

I have found the worst offenders of overuse are the dog walkers, especially those running commercial dog walking operation

Bruce C Wester

Strategic Account Support Manager

National Accounts

ADT Security Services

Westwood MA 02090

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From: LENORE FRAZIER [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 7:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: current vs. future

I am writing to you regarding proposed activity in the Middlesex Fells. I wish to suggest that this generation not break with the trust of those who came before us....I refer particularly to the effort of Elizer Wright, who, over a period of 8 years, held out a vision to the then State legislators of land to be maintained as a shield against developers and as a natural preserve for animals and a place of quiet for the human species.Mr. Wright lived in the late 1800's. Almost 100 years later -in the 1960s- The Winchester Star permitted me an article about him. Wright was almost alone in his vision of conserving this land for later generations (Us.). He gave up years of his life to this end. How fortunate for us that he did.....You will hear from those who wish to expand their own current pleasures. I would like to join those others, and I hope they include you, who consider the Fells a treasure for posterity: an area where nature is foremost: truly honored and respected. Sincerely, Lenore C. Frazier [REDACTED].
Thank you.

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Nathaniel Ross [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 7:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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From:

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:48 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Fells

Please do not allow bikes in the Fells. There are so few natural areas left for folks to enjoy the peace and quiet of a wooded environment.

Jennie L. Brockelman, Lincoln

From: gbnemba@daggers.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jose Gonzalez [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:58 PM

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From: Judith Collier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:07 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Dear Fells,

As a former owner of property in Winchester the beauty of the Falls and its protection from human usage was always inspiring to me. We were permitted to go into it once a year..Please do not permit bikers to go in all the time. If you must limit it to a few times a year..please think of the future of that beautiful area..so little left.. sincerely Mrs. Abram Collier Peterborough NH> here in this state we are very mindful of conservation!

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jim Green [movinggreen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 9:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From: Burak Han Alver [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: opinions on the Fells trail plan draft

Dear friendly DCR,

I am a resident of Cambridge, MA and a frequent visitor of the Fells both as a hiker and a mountain biker. I have read the 2010 draft trail system plan and would like to express my opinions on some of the planned

items in chapter 6.

6.1: I support the plans to reduce the total trail milage in favor of preserving the habitat and reducing confusion. In this context, I support the plans to implement the Dark Hollow Pond trail (6.9) which will replace the web of trails in the region currently without maintenance.

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6.5: I support the plans to distribute the parking load from Sheepfold to also distribute the hike/bike load to different trails.

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6.9: As previously stated, I support plans to implement Dark Hollow trail. I strongly support plans to designate Dark Hollow, Reservoir, Cross Fells and Crystal Springs Trails as multiuse trails!

I would like to thank the DCR for bringing this detailed plan to life and listening to our opinions.

Sincerely,
Burak Alver

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From: Cath Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 6:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org; board@cummingspark.org
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

November 15, 2010

To whom it may concern,

It is imperative that the Department of Conservation and Recreation re-examine the Fells in its entirety and in relation to other resources in the area, and develop policies for the overall "management" of the Reservation, prior to making policies solely regarding who can use what trails.

The Fells was designated a "reservation" for the purpose of enjoying nature, not recreation and exercise. However even that mission is in jeopardy. The reality is that the Fells is one of the few places left within Rte 128 where there is sufficient habitat acreage to support diversity of wildlife. Wildlife is rapidly disappearing from the suburbs due to the lack of diversity of plants in backyards, and the huge increase in development taking away open space, destroying trees and meadows, covering water sources and preventing recharge of the soil.

Even the current trail system needs to be re-evaluated in light of what is now known about the effect of trails on wildlife density and distribution, not just the immediate impact on the vegetation when the trail is built. Besides the fragmentation of habitat with the actual trail, the passage of hikers, bike riders and horseback riders on a trail can cause a 70% flight/avoidance response up to 1082 feet on both sides of the trail, depending on the species (see Taylor & Knight 2003 [http://www.esajournals.org/doi/abs/10.1890/1051-0761\(2003\)13%5B951%3AWRTRAA%5D2.0.CO%3B2](http://www.esajournals.org/doi/abs/10.1890/1051-0761(2003)13%5B951%3AWRTRAA%5D2.0.CO%3B2)). This causes the animal to not only use a burst of energy, it can ill afford when food is scarce, but it can also prevent the animal from using habitat that is otherwise most suitable for it, further degrading its capability to survive. In addition, when that animal is no longer present, it has an effect on the ecosystem as it causes a change in vegetation and affects the animals that preyed on the startled animal. Reed & Merenlender 2008 have documented the damaging effects of even passive recreation (see <http://ucanr.org/sites/merenlender/files/20092.pdf>).

Enforcement of rules is also a major issue. Half the people using recreational areas think that their recreation has no effect on wildlife, yet the effect on wildlife rises exponentially when humans travel off a trail.

I urge you to not propose any new trail policies until you have an up-to-date assessment of the whole picture regarding the Fells.

Sincerely,

Catherine Moore

Catherine Moore
[REDACTED] Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Martha Hood [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 7:37 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: re: opening more trails to bikers

Dear Committee - Those of us that enjoy walking in the Fells are opposed to opening more trails to bikers as they use more than what is already allowed and are ruining the

undergrowth which will eventually destroy the beauty and natural aspect of the Fells. The boundaries for the bikers should not be increased. Sincerely, Martha Hood, Winchester, Ma.

From: Sarah Cummer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 7:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on DCR proposal
Attachments: DCR comment letter.doc

Hello,

I am putting my comment letter in the mail, but decided to send it also via email.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sarah Cummer

Medford, MA 02155

November 15, 2010

Medford, MA 02155

Fells Trail Plan
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

RE: Comments on DCR Proposed Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation

To provide some background, I am a resident of Medford, and I walk in the Fells with a dog on a weekly basis. In addition, when I have out of town guests, I frequently take them to the Fells for a relaxing hike. Usually I park at the Bellevue Pond paved parking area. I have hiked Quarry Road, Mud Road, Middle Road, Red Cross Path, as well as parts of the Skyline Trail, Reservoir Trail, and Bear Hill Trail. I greatly enjoy the beauty and relaxation that the Fells provide.

On September 20, 2010, I attended the meeting that the DCR held at the McGlynn Middle School where Paul Jahnige presented the DCR's proposal to the public. Mr. Jahnige subsequently mailed me a copy of proposal, which unfortunately did not include the maps.

Fells Resource Management Plan – Do First

My first comment is to urge strongly that the DCR delay any final decision on its Trail Plan until a Middlesex Fells Resource Management Plan has been completed. It seems to me that it is very important to have a comprehensive and detailed management plan in place

before the DCR begins to move forward with a Trail System Plan; otherwise, some changes might be made that have negative consequences and that cannot be reversed.

Mountain Bike Trails

A 2002 MDC map of the Fells states that “in general, mountain bikes may only use fire roads.” A 2007 DCR map – the most recent I have – permits bikes on a Mountain Bike Loop and on Fire Roads. This Bike Loop is supposed to be indicated on that map, but it is not visible. I finally found a map of the bike loop on the information board at the Bellevue parking lot. This map shows that in addition to the Fire Roads, the mountain bikers currently have a large loop trail which circles the three reservoirs. It is also evident that this loop trail overlaps extensively with other trails which are for the use of walkers and hikers: Reservoir Trail, Skyline Trail, and Bear Hill Trail.

The DCR proposal would further extend access to the Fells to the mountain bikers by designing Reservoir Trail as a multi-use trail. If that proposal went through, bikers would have a second bike loop trail around the reservoirs. I do not support this proposal. Nor do I support designating sections of other trails (Cross Fells Trail and Crystal Springs Trail) as multi-use.

According to the DCR’s own survey the majority (58%) of Fells trails users are two footed: 41% walker/hiker and 17% jogger/runner. There are many issues when the two-footed trail users come into competition on trails with the fast moving bikers. For me the major issue is safety: I may not hear or see the bike enough in advance so that I have to move abruptly aside on the trail. The other issue for me is the disturbance of my quiet enjoyment of walking in the woods. Therefore, I do not support expansion of the trails for mountain bikes.

Signage

At the Sept. 20th meeting Mr. Jahnige asked for a “raise of hands by those who have ever gotten lost in the Fells”, and there were many hands – including mine – raised. The proposal does recognize that the Fells map needs to be updated and that the trail signs and markings are inadequate and in many instances nonexistent. I strongly support Section 6.3 of the proposal which would address these problems, and I recommend that the DCR move forward to implement this section as soon as possible.

Native Plants

In Section 4 of the proposal the DCR recognizes some of the sensitive natural resources of the Fells. However, I was surprised that a very important recent survey of the plants in the Fells was not recognized or acknowledged. Mr. Bryan Hamlin is a Medford resident who has studied the flora and fauna in the Fells for many years. For the past 7 years he, along with others, has worked to compile an extensive, scientific survey of the plants in the Fells. This survey, along with the plant material that has been deposited in the Harvard Herbarium, should be considered a prime resource by the DCR when it is considering how to fulfill that part of its mission to “protect” the “natural resources” of the Fells. I am certain that Mr. Hamlin would be happy to share his findings with the DCR.

Stewardship Partners

The DCR does recognize as “stewardship partners” those entities who have a real interest in keeping the Fells as a wonderful place to visit, and the agency certainly is committed to working with those entities around any changes to the Fells. However, the agency seems to believe that these stewardship partners could/should be on the front lines: “to maintain, improve, or close trails” and to “implement the trail sign standards”. All of these entities are volunteer organizations with limited resources, and their memberships may not be able to take on such physical responsibilities. As much as the organizations would want to be involved in work in the Fells, the DCR must also accept fiscal and physical responsibilities for these tasks as well.

Access on South Board Road

In Section 6.5 the DCR recommends enhanced trailhead signage and demarcated parking spaces at the pullouts along South Board Road. I strongly support those recommendations. In addition, I would recommend a much needed improvement to the pullout that is across from Jeremiah Circle: raise the level of the pullout to eliminate the 4 inch drop off. It is dangerous turning into that area as the cars behind do not know that the car turning into the pullout needs to come to an almost complete stop because of that drop off.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the DCR’s proposed Trail System Plan for the Fells.

Sarah Cummer

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Donald E. Ziniti [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:15 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of wayne cunningham [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:45 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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wayne cunningham
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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Colin Eggleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:01 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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From: on behalf of
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:29 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Bike usage

Dear Sir or Madam,
We are against the proposal to expand bike usage in the Fells
Sincerely, Cecile and Bill Law
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Robert McKinley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends@Fells.com
Subject: Fells Trail Plan - Comments

To whom it may concern,

I live across the street from the Fells Reservation. It is a beautiful place. A place where folks like me can go to escape the pressures of a hectic life and find escape, renewal and peace. The Fells Reservation was set aside long ago to provide solace for future generations. It is critical that the DCR preserve this mission and complete a Resource Management Plan and incorporate feedback from all constituencies.

Our roadways provide a pretty good example of how multiple users can be addressed. The primary purpose is to get people, goods and services from one place to another via motorized vehicles, cars and trucks. But bicycles, joggers and pedestrians are also accommodated with designated

bicycle lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks.

The first order of priority is to maintain the Fells as a protected natural habitat where future generations can experience the great diversity of wildlife, plants and birds.

Please delay any final decisions on future changes to the Fells until a Resource Management Plan is published and the input of all parties considered. There should no implementation of the plan without transparency, consensus and the full support of all stakeholders. DCR's mission is to preserve the reservation and protect the people that use it. Without enforcement of existing rules, public safety is at risk.

Sincerely,
Robert J. McKinley
[REDACTED] Melrose, MA 02176

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Sean Hawes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Sean Hawes
Email:

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From: Matt Schram [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:01 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Draft Plan

I would like to comment on the proposed Fells draft plan. I believe that the proposed plan is a major improvement to the current rule set, although it could be improved. In my view, the most important consideration for designing a use plan for a public land is sustainability, and I believe that the new plan works well. I am a recreational mountain biker, and I am delighted that more mountain bike trails will be made available. The combination of making more trails available for multi-use, streamlining existing trails, and enhancing enforcement on those trails will make the trails safer, more sustainable, and more equitable for use. Hopefully more trails can be made multi-use as well, as it has been repeatedly shown that mountain biking has a similar ecological footprint as hiking. I would also support extending the winter closure until April 15 for all users to preserve the trails and prevent them from spring mud damage.

Thank you,
Matt Schram

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of steven fastert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:26 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

I support DCR's Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

Name:
steven fastert

Email:

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From: Faye Doria [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Orienteering in the Fells

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft trail system plan for Middlesex Fells Reservation. I support the responsible use and stewardship of this property and similar open space through the region.

I am a member of the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC) and travel to the Fells up to three times a year to participate in various events.

Orienteering is a map navigation sport. Orienteers travel by foot, on-trail and off-trail. NEOC has been hosting events for the general public, and teaching map-reading and navigation to schoolchildren in the Middlesex Fells, for over 30 years. This has been done without adverse impact to natural resources.

I am pleased to see that the draft plan mentions allowing permitted off-trail use, but are concerned about the negative tone in references to all off-trail use.

I suggest these changes to the plan:

1. Add orienteering as a secondary use in section 2.8, Current Uses.
2. Include the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC) as a Stewardship Partner in Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners.

Thank you,
Faye Doria
Barrington, NH

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Peter Gengler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:21 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Pat O'Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Cath Moore; friends@fells.org; board@cummingspark.org
Subject: Re: Fells Trails Plan

I believe the DCR's Draft Trail System plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation represents a thoughtful and balanced approach to trail management. And that the trail plan will help inform a future Resource Management Planning (RMP) process.

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/greenwaysfellsplast.htm>

My understanding is that Resource Management Planning is currently underway for the Blue Hills Reservation and there were not personnel resources to spare for a concurrent effort. Looking at the time line for the Blue Hills Reservation effort, Resource Management Planning will likely take an additional several years and in the meantime it seems reasonable to proceed with a trail management plan that has been developed through this substantial effort.

I believe one of the results of this plan, carefully executed, will be fewer adverse impacts on wildlife. And I believe that the DCR will continue to work with the Friends of the Fells, the AMC Boston Chapter, NEMBA and individuals to make that happen and to make sure the diversity of Reservation uses continue to be enjoyed at this public reservation.

Thank you,

Pat O'Reilly

Nahant, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Jason Hanna [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
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From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 12:16 PM
To: Fellstrail Comments
Cc:
Subject: The Middlesex Fells Reservation plan

Dear Department of Conservation and Recreation,

Thank you for the work that you do to provide Massachusetts residents access to so many special places that help us to restore our souls. We are blessed to be able to visit a quiet spot in the precious natural surroundings perhaps within a 15 minute commute from home or work. As we are seeing a concerning trend for a growing number of people, they find it easy to practice there adventure skills using a mouse and a computer. Aren't they missing the special wonder and adventure of going out into the woods, fields and hills?

The New england orienteering Club, Scouting, Geo-caching, mountain bikers and other guided activities help people to get the confidence to go play outside. They feel more more comfortable using the practice of safety in numbers. These programs provide many benefits. An afternoon participating in an orienteering activity for example exposes so many new walkers to the treasures in there back yard. A little fun, fresh air and a new experience helps us all grow. With a positive experience, they may want to come back for more. The Middlesex Fells Reservation plan addresses many elements that are vital to perpetuating the longevity of the reservation.

I would like to share with you actions that I would like taken regarding the Middlesex Fells Reservation plan :

1. Add orienteering as a secondary use in section 2.8, Current Uses.
2. Include the New england orienteering Club as a Stewardship Partner in Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners.

The Middlesex Fells offers a welcome retreat for city dwellers and a suitable terrain for hikers, horseback riders, rock climbers, orienteering and mountain bikers. To take pressure off the to main trail tread and spread the activities throughout the reservation these types of diverse activities help to reduce the impact and broaden the user groups.

We care for that which we use and appreciate.

Thank you,

Bob Costello
NEOC Member
[REDACTED] Medfield, MA

From: Barbara Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 12:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comment on trail system draft plan

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Barbara Martin

(I am a member of the local orienteering community/clubs and have used their drafted reply as my comment on the proposed trail and park use plan)

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Noel Reuter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From: Smith, Caitlin Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 3:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Oppose increase in Fells use!

To Whom it may concern:

Please oppose any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed. This kind of negligent lack of planning will cause great harm to the Fells, which is too valuable to destroy. As a resident whose property abuts the Fells, I vehemently oppose this plan of action, and urge you to reconsider.

Thank you,
Caitlin R. Smith

From: Helene Ferranti [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 4:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells planning

I call upon the DCR to undertake a full Resource Management Plan for Middlesex Fells. The Fells is much more than a "urban recreation park" - it is a complex site that includes rare species, wetlands, and vernal pools that require recognition when considering trail use. Visitors other than bikers must also be considered. The Fells Trails Plan as currently proposed should not be approved.

Helene S. Ferranti
[REDACTED] Charlestown, MA 02129

From: David & Paula Luciano [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 4:27 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: In favor of trail expansion

I support the plan to expand usage of the Fells. People need low-cost recreation. The areas are quite beautiful, adding trails open more of the acreage to the public. The Fells needs to be expanded as a multi-use recreational area, not kept as a environmental fish-bowl. There are ample examples through NE and the rest of the country that demonstrate the multi-use works. We're not talking hunting vs. hiking or snow mobiles vs skis. We're talking about bicycles! I'm in favor of adding single path, dual path and paved trails – look at Break Heart as a model.

David Luciano

Melrose, MA

From: VSormanti [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Middlesex Fells

Nov 16, 2010

Am I an old cudgeon opposed to mountain biking or having fun.?. Absolutely not. What I am is a person who has enjoyed nature and hiking for most of my adult life and who hates to see a beautiful resource like the Middlesex Fells attacked and seriously diminished by

mountain bikers. The process of hiking is far different than biking. Hiking allows one to observe and appreciate the natural surroundings while biking requires only hills and obstacles to overcome.....the sights and smells of the woods are barely noticed as they careen along on their quest to have fun. Reminds me of the solitary jet skier on a beautiful summer morning roaring around a serene pond totally disturbing everything and everyone so they can selfishly satisfy their need for adventure.

I request that DCR conduct a full Resource Management Plan process before making any changes in the existing recreational use of this priceless asset.

Sincerely,
Victor Sormanti

Melrose, MA 02176

From: Bob Gallant [
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends of the Fells
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

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For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

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A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

The premise that bike impacts are the same as hiking/walking impacts ignores years of clear evidence of extensive bike damage in the Fells, including dramatic trail widening and erosion, as well as the impact that bike use has on other visitors

It is essential that steps be taken to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Robert A Gallant and Stella K. Gallant

Winchester MA 01890

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Christopher [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Email:
Roberts

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From: Julie Meyers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Resource Management Plan for Fells

Dear DCR,

I am writing to ask that you undertake a full Resource Management Plan and make the Trails Plan a component of the RMP before increasing recreational uses in the Fells. Without such a plan, the DCR is essentially handing over control of this multi-use treasure to one faction (the mountain bikers), and a faction that has already shown little regard for the other uses to which the park is put, for the other people with whom it shares the park.

If current paths are extended and mountain bikers continue to be able to make their own paths and ride recklessly with impunity, I will no longer feel comfortable walking the paths for fear of being mown down, let alone sharing the beautiful nature there (or what is left of it) with my small children.

The proposed DCR Fells Trails System Plan provides no concrete enforcement plans to reverse decades of non-enforcement of regulations for protecting animal and plant species or to provide for public safety. A full participatory Resource Management Plan process will include all categories of Fells visitors and supporters, including bird clubs, conservation commissions, families, watershed agencies, and so many more.

Best regards,

Julie Meyers
Somerville, MA

From: Brian Christiansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on the Fells Trail Plan

Hello,

Please forgive the bullet format of my comments. They were captured as I read through the plan. I'm also sorry they're not really in particular order. I didn't have as much time as I thought I would have to write this up (and I thought 60 days was a long time)!

[About me: I live about a mile from the southern end of the park, in Medford. I mountain bike, hike with my wife and toddler, and we walk our dog there. I ride to the park when riding, drive to the park for hiking or dog walking.]

* Ecology is #1. All use effects ecology, so everything is a compromise.

* Paul J. did an excellent job presenting at the meeting, and the DCR seems to be working very well during this process. People who hate the state gov't should look in and see hard working people dealing with passionate and sometimes conflicting citizen groups.

* New plan takes positive steps towards treating MTBers as citizens with equal rights as hikers.

* If hiking and MTBing have similar ecological impact, then there is no fair reason the plan should still be clearly biased against MTB. (It is)

* If a trail or area is sensitive, then it should be closed to all users, since all users have similar impact. Another policy would be biased.

* I suggest a permitting process to allow organized night rides, on special occasion. I don't night ride, but the reasoning is that bikers can't ride later in the year when there's no sunlight afterwork.

* Is there a conservation-based reason for designating Virginia Wood pedestrian only, or is it only to satiate the anti-bike community? I'm not saying it's not a worthwhile tradeoff, but you need to have such a motivation clearly stated as fair reasoning for your decisions. If bikes and boots have similar ecologic impact, then this same reasoning should also dictate MTB-only trails. After all, hikers can't be "disturbed" by bikers if they're not on the same trail, and that works both ways, right?

* If per trail restrictions are to work, you'll need clear signage. Most people enter a park without knowing its politics. They just go. But please, don't make them huge.

* "Lots of users disobey the rules" this is an indication that the current rules are not just or sensible.

* Dogs need *trails* on which they can off-leash hike. They live in cities where they're always cooped up, on leash or indoors. It's the least we can do for man's best friend. In my case, and many dogs I know of, my dog is more approachable off-leash than on. On leash she's more protective of her family. (As protective as a 17lb. miniature schnauzer can be. She *loves* to hike, though!)

* As a dog owner, I don't bring my dog to Sheepfold now, because of all the dogs. On the trail, I don't fear for her safety.

* Dogs off-leash times on trails makes sense. Specific off-leash trails in different sections of the park, so they're convenient to local dog owners, would be the best way to reduce infractions.

* Please open watershed roads. I know it's not DCR's jurisdiction, but it makes transiting across the park hard. Plus, they're nice roads, closures now are mostly ignored and aren't really protecting the water supply. If we had people allowed on them, they'd be more likely to spot anyone tampering with the supply and could report it.

* Idea: Designate certain trails as XC skiing-only in the winter? Hikers hurt the snow more than bikes (esp snow-specific tired-bikes).

* We need more rideable trails for non-advanced riders. It's hard for me to bring non-hardcore riders to the park. MTB loop is extremely "technical" in large spots. In others, it's nearly unrideable thanks to large, loose stone fill. Whoever ordered loose stone, especially the baseball and softball sized stones, *hates* MTBers.

* Trail maintenance will likely help the rideability of trails. Some of the most difficult sections of the MTB loop seem to be so because the dirt eroded away and left very tall roots and rocks.

* Beware, the most active NEMBA members also tend to favor more rocky, difficult trails. Please consider that there should be routes through the Fells that are appropriate for non-advanced riders, as well.

* I've been following the comments from groups like Mass Audubon, AMC and the Friends of the Fells have been making. Nowhere in my reading of the regulations of state properties does it say trail plans cannot be implemented without an RMP. MTBers have been waiting 20+ years for equity. This current plan does not achieve that (especially when compared to other state properties). But that doesn't mean it's not a meaningful step toward equity. Groups calling for further delays are simply being selfish. Shows they're more interested in themselves than actual sustainable progress within the park, as all of the changes in this draft are positive for the ecology.

* Remember, anything implemented in this trail plan can be reverse, if shown to be irresponsible in the RMP. Honestly, though, can you imagine any of these minor changes having a negative effect?

* I'm one of the few frequent riders in the Lawrence Woods section. I ride to the park from my home in the Medford Hillside, about 1-2mi. I enter at Ramshead Road. I would go out of my way to do a walk/ride through with anyone from DCR looking for feedback or ideas in this, lower-use area. Lawrence Woods is ideal for riders looking to avoid the extremely rocky identity that the majority of the park is known for. It also sees lots of trash and fires from kids partying.

Related thoughts:

* This draft should be available as HTML (in other words, as a web page), not locked away in a PDF. Your web developers should easily be able to take your Word doc and spit it out as HTML. Putting these in PDF makes them difficult to find in web searches, among other problems.

* Reporting plan for Fells maintenance: there should be a simple way for someone on-trail to report trees down, vandalism, etc to the DCR. Everyone has mobile phones, and many have smartphones (eg iPhone, Android) on the trail. I keep my maps on my phone, and use its GPS to orient me if I'm lost.

* The DCR could build a simple mobile-specific web site that uses HTML5 to gather reports. HTML5 has the ability to gather the user's GPS coordinates. This is my professional area of expertise and I would be happy to discuss this idea with anyone from DCR at length (pro bono).

* Collect mobile photos of troublespots by sending MMS photo messages to a DCR number.

* Email a park-specific email address with attached photos of trouble, with GPS coordinates or, at minimum, directions.

Thanks for listening. I trust you'll do the fair and equitable thing to accommodate all legitimate users and supporters of the park. If you'd like to contact me about any of my ideas, please reach me at

Best,
~brian christiansen

From: Meryl Perlson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Writing in support of comprehensive Resource Management Plan for Middlesex Fells

I am writing to express my concern that the DCR is considering trail usage changes for the Middlesex Fells without first researching and creating a comprehensive Resource Management Plan.

I frequently hike the Fells with my children, while my husband makes enthusiastic use of the mountain biking trails. I believe both uses should continue to co-exist, and am NOT aligned with either side in the debate about extending mountain bike usage.

However, I do align myself with smart planning and informed decision making. I can't imagine how the DCR can create or amend policy for such an important and vulnerable open space without the vision provided by a well-researched Resource Management Plan.

I have witnessed first hand the misuse and overuse of the Fells, and fear for the reservation's future if the DCR insists on this patchwork policy decision about trails, however well-intended. While the DCR has offered several opportunities for public input, its decision making in the absence of a coherent, comprehensive plan or planning process is startling.

I urge the DCR to engage in the serious planning necessary to fulfill its charge of responsibly managing the Fells.

Best,
Meryl Perlson
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Halina Sobieszek [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: The Proposed DCR Fells Trails System Plan

To Whom it May Concern:

For several decades the Fells has served as a Reservation where generations of visitors could escape the noise and stress of the world to experience and appreciate the quietude and beauty of nature in all its splendor. This opportunity for diversion and "going green" is even of greater relevance today! What is now at stake with this Fells Trails Plan is a change in use of the Fells from serving as a natural oasis into a wide-open recreation park with a dramatic expansion of the 35 miles already open to bike use.

Given the complexity of this particular site...including rare species, wetlands, and vernal pools, we are writing this letter to request that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) complete a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan before changes in Fells trails policies are implemented.

The dictionary defines the word "reservation" as a tract of public land set apart for a special purpose; however, the heart of the Fells Trails Plan seems to be to 'Improve Mountain Biking Trail User Experience', which would be a detriment to all other visitors and the world of nature, itself. Conversion of the Fells to benefit a special interest group simply is not right, especially without recognizing the repercussions of doing so, i.e. destroy not only sensitive plant communities but also birds and other wildlife, remove the solitude and peacefulness of walks in nature, and threaten public safety.

Please consider the concerns of many diverse groups of people, e.g. Friends of the Fells, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon, the Environmental League and other individuals who respect the beauty and quietude of this special natural jewel and do not change Fells trail usage until after a Resource Management Plan process has been conducted.

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Kind regards,

Bob & Marge Powers

Stoneham, MA 02180

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From: sandra baccari edler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 6:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: send note to save fells

It is vital that the DCR ensure that a comprehensive review and plan are made before any significant decisions are made to expand the recreational use of the Fells.

Thank you.
~Sandra Edler
Winchester, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Hunt Durey [REDACTED]
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From: Jenn Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:05 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Neil E Martin
Subject: draft plan

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft trail system plan for Middlesex Fells Reservation. My family and I have enjoyed regular hikes in the Fells since we moved to the Boston area in 2005.

We also are members of the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC). The NEOC has been hosting events for the general public in the Fells and other public lands for over 30 years. Orienteering is a map navigation sport and depends on traveling by foot on-trail and off, "reading" natural features. It has been a wonderful way to introduce our children to nature.

We are pleased to see that the draft plan mentions allowing permitted off-trail use, but are concerned about the negative tone in references to all off-trail use.

We support the NEOC in their recommendation for the following changes to the plan:

1. Add orienteering as a secondary use in section 2.8, Current Uses.
2. Include the New England Orienteering Club as a Stewardship Partner

in Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners.

Sincerely,

Jennifer & Neil Martin

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Joseph G. Sloane [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Joseph G. Sloane
Email:

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From: Eliot Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:22 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

I am a frequent user of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. I hike, photograph, and take my family to enjoy the quiet and peaceful nature of the Fells.

I am writing to oppose any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed.

The proposed DCR Fells Trails System Plan provides no concrete enforcement plans to reverse decades of non-enforcement of regulations for protecting animal and plant species or to provide for public safety.

I ask the DCR to plan for protection of eight rare species, over 100 vernal pools, and the diverse plants and wildlife habitats at the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eliot Cohen

Burlington, MA 01803

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: We need a comprehensive Resource Management Plan in the Fells!

Hello,

Please understand that we absolutely need to oppose any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed.

regards,
darrell

From: Julie and Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Oppose Shortcutting of Resource Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my strong opposition to any changes in the trail management of the Middlesex Fells until a full participatory Resource Management Plan is evaluated. I am very concerned that opening use of the Fells trails to mountain biking will destroy the trails, cause significant disruption to human and canine walkers and ruin the peace of the Fells.

Please let the public have a say in how this precious resource is used. Thank you.

Julie Broderick

Winchester, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Todd Shively [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 9:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Todd Shively
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Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:10 PM
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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of mike beverly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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mike beverly
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From: James L. Crawford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan comments

I am very happy to see that the Department of Conservation and Recreation is putting forth a serious effort to improve the trail system at the Middlesex Fells Reservation. I have been enjoying the Reservation since I first came to the Boston area 40 years ago, principally with visits to the Zoo and with participation in many orienteering events held at both the west and east portions of the Reservation. I am a little surprised that your report has no mention of orienteering as one of the secondary uses of the area, nor of the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC) and the Cambridge Sports Union (CSU) as Stewardship Partners. The two clubs organized a very successful event on the west side on October 23 involving over 150 participants. Typically one or two orienteering meets have been held somewhere on the Reservation each year since the late 1970s. I hope that this use will continue indefinitely, and that you will formally recognize it in your Trail Plan as being a legitimate use when the appropriate event permit is obtained.

Thank you,

Jim Crawford

Belmont, MA 02478

From: Maryann Langen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Make NO changes in Middlesex Fells without Resource Management Plan

As a Medford resident and an abutter of the Middlesex Fells, I would like to remind the DCR that the Middlesex Fells is called a "Reservation" for a reason--the land was set aside to preserve the natural setting, not to serve as a backdrop for speeding mountain bikers. There is a difference between a nature reserve and a recreational park. The Middlesex Fells

is a nature reserve, but the mountain bikers are trying to turn it into a recreational park. What will be next--waterslides?

The proposed Trails System Plan should not go forward without a complete Management Resource Process that includes ALL Fells interest groups, including bird watchers, hikers, cross-country skiers, families, botanists, and conservation groups.

The DCR does not have a stellar record of conservation in Massachusetts (e.g., clear-cutting on reservoir lands), and you have a chance here to redeem yourselves by not kow-towing to the mountain biker groups, whose moneyed, out-of-state interests are trying to out-shout those of us who want to preserve this fragile environment.

The proposed plan does not adequately provide for safety and enforcement of regulations. Trails cannot safely be shared with mountain bikers. Hikers and walkers must constantly be on the lookout to avoid being mowed down by bikers. A child or an elderly person could be seriously injured. Does DCR want to take on that liability?

Moreover, the DCR has not taken into consideration of the rare and endangered species that will be adversely affected by expanding mountain biking.

This issue needs MUCH more study and public input!

Maryann Langen

Medford, MA 02155

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of carl puglisi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 5:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
carl puglisi
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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Annie Kutenplon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 6:52 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 8:15 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Paul.Donato@mahouse.gov; Sullivan, Rick (DCR)
Subject: Draft Trail Plan for the Middlesex Fells

To whom it may concern,

As a great fan and user of the Middlesex Fells, I would like to offer my comments on the draft Trail System Plan. First, I would like to thank the DCR for addressing the need for a more equitable and articulated trail policy for the Fells, and for developing what I found to be a most thoughtful and insightful document on the many and varied recreational uses of the Fells. The draft plan notes that the health and happiness of Massachusetts residents depends on the accessibility and quality of its park system. As a resident of Massachusetts for 25 years, and a user of the Fells for 23 of those years, I can attest to the importance the Fells plays in my quality of life. Continued access to the Fells was a guiding factor in my family's move from Medford to Melrose in 1998. We enjoy hiking, cross country skiing and mountain biking in the Fells.

Through conversations with other users of the Fells, I'm aware that many people have an aversion to the Fells due to unresolved conflicts between the various user groups. Contrary to those sentiments, I have had very few negative interactions with other park users while hiking or riding in the Fells. Negative experiences have been centered on dog owners with aggressive or poorly socialized dogs, which I've encountered on foot, on skis and on two wheels. That said, I still think the Fells should be a place where dog owners can go without

fear of reprisal for having a well behaved dog off leash. The Fells should be welcome and inviting to all users – within the bounds of what is legal and proper.

During the recent (11/5/10) meeting of the DCR Stewardship Council, many stakeholders voiced opinions on the draft trail plan, including the Friends of the Fells and the New England Mountain Bike Association – the two most vocal user groups. The gap between their positions on what is appropriate use of the trail system is deep and wide. Without taking a side, because I've been an active member of each of these groups, I would like to provide the DCR with my thoughts on the draft trail plan. First, whether on foot, skis or two wheels, my motivation for going into the Fells is simply to be outdoors and to commune with nature. The fact that others are trying to do the same thing in no way diminishes my appreciation for the sensory feast that the Fells provides. With regard to the trail plan, I would advocate the following:

- Shortening “mud season” is a good idea. When the trails are covered with hard packed snow or ice, the least amount of damage can be done by shoe, tire or ski. Closures, if any, should apply to all users.
- All trails should be multi-use. The fact that a mountain biker might cross paths with a hiker, or vice versa, should not be viewed as a negative occurrence or something that needs to be prevented. By making all trails open to all users, the activity in the park is more dispersed. Building and maintaining sustainable trails is more important than trying to deny access to trails that could otherwise be enjoyed by more than a select user group. Trail restrictions have proven ineffective. Until there's a logical rather than just preferential reason for denying access to certain trails, the trails will continue to be used. Trail restrictions are a major source of discord at the Fells. It should be noted, there are trails in the Fells where mountain bikers generally do not go, such as the Rock Circuit Trail east of Fellsway East where the topography is prohibitive. My point being: there are places to find escape and solitude in the Fells; it doesn't require restricting access.
- Change the policy on the park closing at dusk. During the fall, when the days are short but the weather is still nice enough for outdoor activity, its difficult to start and finish an after work activity before total darkness sets in. Some users like to extend their time outdoors by using headlamps in the early evening. This is not inconsistent with the recreational uses of the Fells. Perhaps a year-round 10 p.m. curfew would be more reasonable.
- Do not designate Virginia Wood as “pedestrian only.” This relatively small parcel of the Fells is occasionally used by mountain bikers to get from one section of the east side to another. Directing non-pedestrians onto roadways or through the busy intersection at the top of Pond Street would most likely result in safety hazards.
- Lastly, the DCR should continue to nurture its relationship with the various user groups, particularly those that are committed to providing the time and resources necessary for building and maintaining sustainable trails in the Fells. With proper care, the

Fells should continue to be a valuable recreational resource for generations of local residents.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Bob Crepinsek
Melrose resident

From: Ann Gardner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 8:52 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on the Sept 2010 Draft Trails Plan

To Whom it May Concern,

According to the September 2010 Draft Trails Plan for the Middlesex Fells, trails are the intersection of recreation and conservation. The Draft Trails Plan also states that trails impact vegetation, soils, water quality and wildlife. To have a trails plan finalized prior to a Resource Management Plan (RMP) is backwards, doesn't make sense, and is just plain irresponsible.

Trail management will a significant component of the RMP but should not be finalized prior to conservation and other public uses have been evaluated. The September 2010 Draft Trails Plan should remain in draft form and be taken into consideration and modified as findings of the RMP dictate.

Respectfully,

Ann Gardner
Lynn, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of muriel mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:21 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
muriel mitchell
Email:

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From: Ann Gallagher [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Oppose proposed increase in recreation in Middlesex Fells without comprehensive plan to protect sensitive areas!

Dear DCR,

I just wanted to briefly voice my opposition to any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed. I am concerned about the effects the increased recreational use of the land would have on rare species and plant and wildlife habitats in the Fells. The Fells is a place for plants, animals and quiet walkers and hikers, not a recreation park for noisy bikers crashing through the trees and tearing up the

land. Please uphold the DCR's stated mission to "to protect promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well being of all."

Thank you,

Ann Gallagher
[REDACTED] Medford, Ma 02155

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[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Chris Harkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:42 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Opposing Increase of Fells Recreation

The Middlesex Fells has been a refuge since I was a child Growing up in Winchester. Now as an adult in my 50's who resides in Somerville, I appreciate it even more deeply. As someone who walks the trails, I oppose any plan that does not protect the sensitive areas and that adds recreation beyond foot traffic. The Fells is a beautiful resource where nature should be protected and visitors should be able to enjoy its beauty in safety.

To have a refuge where we do not have to deal with traffic, cars, bikes, fast moving objects and the stresses of life, is a resource we cannot afford to lose! In this all too fast paced world, please save the Fells with it's beauty and serenity!

Respectfully,

Gail Wild

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Frank Strazar [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:45 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
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From: Stephen E. Cotton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:44 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Expanding Bike Use in Fells Reservation

I am writing to oppose expansion of the existing bicycle trails at the Middlesex Fells Reservation, including the conversion of existing hiking trails to bicycle use and the creation of new trails for mountain bikes.

I have reviewed DCR's draft "Trail System Plan" dated April, 2010, and believe that its underlying analysis reflects an appreciation of the invaluable resources of the Fells, as well as the need to understand, balance, and in some instance modify or restrain a range of user expectations and behaviors.

The problem with the Plan's recommendations is that, with respect to mountain biking, the recommendations tilt too far in the direction of enhancing a type of user experience (mountain biking) that will be detrimental to much wider universe of user experiences (walking, hiking, jogging, nature observation) and will adversely affect the ecology of the reservation.

Even on the face of the draft Plan, it appears that the recommendations with respect to mountain biking are an unwarranted response to the Stakeholder/User Input responses (figure 10), which, as noted in the draft, may be more reflective of the success of a particular stakeholder group in generating responses than of any representative sample of Fells visitors or the general public. Without this unreliable measure of "user desires", the draft Plan contains little basis for expanding mountain bike use into undeveloped areas or along existing hiking trails, and powerful reasons not to do so.

I urge that the recommendation to expand trails for mountain biking be dropped.

Stephen E. Cotton
Andover, MA

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Lauren Purtell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 10:31 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Lauren Purtell
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From: Mabbett, Arthur [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends of the Fells
Subject: Proposed Changes (MF-EO)

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

As a lifelong resident of Medford and an individual who grew up spending a lot of time in the Middlesex Fells Reservation, I am vehemently opposed to any change in trail management that would allow for extensive mountain bicycle use.

In my opinion the state does a poor job in protecting the existing ecosystem and allowing even more extensive mountain bicycle use would result in even more destruction. Considering that the state has a major budget deficit I doubt that more money will be available in the future to repair such damage caused by the mountain bicycles.

A comprehensive review of the state's trail management plan is in order. We must ensure though that there will be adequate funding to support the management plan.

Kindly consider these comments from an experienced professional whose daily activities focus on environmental protection and restoration.

Best regards,

Art

Arthur N. Mabbett, P.E., QEP, CSP, R.S., CHCM, DAAS
President

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Bedford, MA 01730-2318

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Joe Martucci [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 11:35 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Joe Martucci
Email:

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From: Jane Connor [jane@brightwork.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 12:18 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please don't sacrifice the Fells

Please, please, please don't open the Fells trails to mountain bikes. There are plenty of places for bikers. The trails would be ruined *forever* for hikers, walkers, birders, picnickers, little kids....

Please don't.

Jane Connor
Arlington

From: Karen Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 12:27 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Friends of the Fells
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern:

The Fells reservation needs a comprehensive Resource Management Plan before any changes to the Fells are considered. Surely you must know that. I do not know why you want to get around it but the fact remains the same. The Fells is a reservation and has been for a hundred years. That is its value and its worth. I am totally opposed to any changes before the RMP.

When did you abandon the Fells? What year? I cannot remember DCR staff in the Fells. Don't tell me that you have staff in the Fells. Riding on the roads to lock and unlock gates does not count.

Maybe you do not care what happens to the Fells but as stewards you should be professional and make sound professional decisions. Where are the people at DCR who care about the Fells? Frankly, I am sick and tired of DCR's lack of care for the Fells

reservation. The only actions you take regarding the Fells are to collude with a developer and to attempt to maneuver around the required Resource Management Plan. The Resource Management Plan is your obligation. Why would you want to circumvent that obligation? Who benefits? A single user group benefits. Biking in the Fells is not a human rights issue for god's sake. Why would those who are supposed to manage the resource reward those who have never followed the rules. And no, you do not know and no, my eyes do not lie.

Should you succeed in circumventing the Resource Management Plan, what about the Fells? Ah, screw that, its too complicated.

How much money have you spent on consultants and how much time at meetings to present your agendas regarding the Fells to the public properly? If only we were so stupid as to swallow it all whole. What a pain in the neck we are. I bet that is the problem, isn't it?

All of your actions prove DCR's failure to the Fells. What is going on? Is the job just is too much of a burden?

I attended a public meeting where it was suggested that we nicely speak up to other Fells visitors who do not follow the rules so that we can change the culture in the Fells. Here goes. Respectfully, I ask you to transfer the Fells reservation to the Trustees of Reservations. Please do it. It is time to let some professionals manage the Reservation. You are a proven failure in the Fells. The fact that I have to spend my time writing this letter is proof of your failure. You know it too, that is why you want to change the definition of the Fells from a Reservation to an Urban Park. Hooray! Now it's a Park and you are not failures. It is disgusting. You are the problem.

A recreational trails director endeavors to circumvent the Resource Management Plan and there is no one at home to stop it?

The Fells is core habitat. You should not have the right to ruin it. You are supposed to protect it.

Anyone?

Karen Johnson

Malden, MA 02148

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Erik Schutz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 12:47 PM
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Erik Schutz

Email:

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From: ANN WHITMAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:10 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR,

I write to request the Fells remain primarily a reservation land. Mountain bikes should be only allowed on a few select trails. How can one go for a walk w/ one's family if mountain bikes may come barrelling by at any second, not to mention diminishing the quality of the trails and trail-side vegetation.

Any policy changes to the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan public process.
Thank you for your intention to uphold the "conservation" in "recreation".
I have expressed my concerns to Gov. Patrick.

Sincerely,
Ann L Whitman

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Todd Zahurak [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 12:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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From: Steve Cohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Stephen N. Cohn

Subject: Opening Middlesex Fells Trails to Bikers Threatens Other Users, Especially Dogs

DCR,

As a frequent walker, often accompanied by children, of two small dogs in the Middlesex Fells Reservation, I would like to express my concern regarding opening the Fells' hiking trails to mountain bikers. We hike in the Fells (mostly west of Rt. 93), including the Sheepfold, the paths around Molly's Spring Rd., and along North Border road to the North Tower. Our dogs, and less frequently our children, have endured many near misses over the last 20 years when bikers round a corner or top a rise without warning and nearly hit them. The bikers are usually friendly and don't mean harm, but they travel quite fast and the close calls keep recurring. These incidents have all occurred on the roads and fire trails where the bikers are now permitted and there is significant roadway width for bikers to maneuver around us and our leashed dogs. However, the hiking trails in the Fells are quite narrow and bikers traveling at typical speed will often have neither time to stop nor opportunity to avoid hitting a dog that stands less than 20 inches high and thus isn't readily apparent until too close to avoid. Bikers on the trails will probably also put pedestrians at risk, especially small children, who typically wander further from their more visible guardians than leashed dogs. Please reconsider plans to permit biking on the narrow trails in the Middlesex Fells.

Thank you,

Steve

Stephen Cohn, Ph.D.

██████████ Winchester, MA 01890-3703

Also:

Vce Chairman

Winchester Conservation Comission

From: Walter Kittredge [██████████]

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 12:50 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Trails System Plan process

Trails System Plan process

During the May 4th, 2010 Trails System Plan meeting at DCR headquarters, there was general agreement among the far too small select group of stakeholders present, that trails planning and implementation must be a community effort with all stakeholders directly

involved. That it was imperative that all stakeholders be identified and included as a first priority before going forward with planning.
This was not done.

One of the great strengths of the Fells is the breadth and organization of its user community, which should be drawn on for their different knowledge and expertise. The current process has only gathered a very small amount of general input at two public meetings. The map produced from that input is entirely inadequate for any kind of planning. A professional trails planning process would have stakeholder representatives working together in an iterative, bottom-up, face to face process. A collaborative setting such as this would ensure that all issues would get due and equal consideration, including social, conservation and recreational ones.
This has not been done.

The top-down model which DCR is using to impose trail changes requested by one recreational group has disenfranchised all other stakeholders. This has resulted in stakeholders taking hard-line positions in a tense charged atmosphere where dialogue or compromise is impossible, and relationships have been damaged. Most importantly, it preempts the legally mandated Resource Management Plan process, where stakeholders work together to develop a common consensual vision, with every group getting heard, and their interests given full consideration.
This is not the way this should be done.

The draft Trails proposal does not address the most important issue: enforcement. All visitors' safety and feelings of being welcome are contingent on there being enforcement of the rules and regulations. Currently, the too few Rangers have no authority to issue citations for violations, and there is no plan to work with state and local police. The result is flagrant abuse of all the rules and regulations, and a total lack of safety and civility for users, creating further tensions among stakeholders. A Trails plan with no plan for enforcement, is no plan at all.
This has to be done first!

Forcing this narrowly focused Trail System Plan onto a broad community of stakeholders without contacting all of them and requesting their input, prior to their having a voice in a Resource Management Plan, is just plain wrong.
This should never have been done.

Walter Kittredge

MIDDLESEX FELS RESERVATION STAKEHOLDER GROUPS
CIVIC & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS:
(for Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham & Winchester)

Chambers of Commerce
Cultural Councils
Garden Clubs

Historical Societies

Two Roads Performance Projects

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS:

Boston Natural Areas Network

Environmental League of Massachusetts

Environment Massachusetts

Medford-Brooks Estate Land Trust

Mystic River Watershed Association

The Nature Conservancy

New England Wildflower Society

Student Conservation Association Massachusetts

Sustainable Winchester

Urban Ecology Institute

Vernal Pool Association

Youth A.C.T.

CONSERVATION & RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Appalachian Mountain Club

Friends of the Fells

Massachusetts Audubon

Sierra Club

Trustees of Reservations

Winchester Trails

FAMILY & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Bay State Kids Outdoors

Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham

Boy Scout Troops

Eagle Eye Insitute

Family Action Network of Winchester

Girl Scout Troops

Medford Family Network

NATURE ORGANIZATIONS

Boston Mycological Club

Brookline Bird Club

Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch

Friends of the Farlow

Menotomy Bird Club

Stone Zoo

RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Boston Running Meetup Group

The Boston Walking Meetup Group

FellsDOG

Greater Boston New England Mountain Bike Association
Hike the Medford Fells Meetup Group
MassDOG
MassGeocachers
The Melrose Dog Society
The New england orienteering Club
Outdoor Explorations
Rage Mountain Bike Club
Somerville Dog Owners Group
Winchester Highlanders Running Club

STATE AGENCIES:

Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
Dept. of Environmental Protection
Mass Water Resources Authority
Mass Wildlife
Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
State Police

TOWN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

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UNORGANIZED STAKEHOLDERS

Cross-country Skiers
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Photographers
Rock Climbers
Snow-shoers

From: Paulette Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Paulette Schwartz
Subject: Middle Sex Fells Proposed Changes

As a long time resident of Arlington I have, along with my family enjoyed hiking in the Fells at all seasons. I have introduced others to this wonderful wilderness area which is so accessible. These trails are part of a nature preserve that needs to be protected rather than

opening it to mountain bikers whose presence can easily lead to erosion and generally disturb the habitat. The changes proposed by DCR serve the interest of a small group of individuals over the use of a much larger group as well as interfering with the ecology of this very special place.

I respectfully request that this proposed plan be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

Paulette Schwartz

Arlington, MA 02474

From: Norman Shacat [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Input Regarding Fells Trail Plan
Attachments: DCR Fells Trail Systems Plan.doc

Please see attached.

Norman Shacat

Medford, MA 02155-3418

November 17, 2010

Fells Trail Plan
136 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel compelled to write and share my thoughts regarding changes proposed at the Middlesex Fells Reservation. My perspective is one of a person who takes daily hikes there ranging between 45 minutes to an hour with occasional half day hikes covering most of the Reservation. It is because of my appreciation for this asset less than a quarter of a mile from my house that I finally became a member of the Friends of the Fells, but my position does not mirror theirs.

I believe the Fells Reservation needs to be shared. I certainly do not want additional rights granted to the mountain biking lobby and vigorously oppose the expansion of mountain bike access to single-track trails. Nor, although I hike regularly with my dog in tow, do I believe the Fells Reservation be converted into a dog potty. Last, I don't believe it needs to

be turned into a museum elevating concerns of animal and plant protection above those of its other visitors. It's an asset meant to be responsibly enjoyed, shared, and treasured.

Frankly, mountain biking in the Fells, even at current levels, is disruptive. Riding there, particularly when the ground is wet, leaves a lasting imprint and my observations are that at least half the riders do not keep to the fire roads and trails designated for mountain biking. Off trail biking is rampant and some modifications the mountain bikers have made to their illegal trails are abhorrent. I find it incredibly repugnant that a group that maintains a website called FellsBiker.com finds, "The ugliest thing in the woods, these signs (no biking allowed signs) mark much of the single-track that is off-limits to bikes. Hopefully, someday these will all be gone." I'd be happy to point out many uglier things in those woods to their representatives; things not of their making either.

With mountain bike access allowed on all fire roads and the Mountain Bike loop, mountain bikers have ample access to the Fells.

I believe one of the biggest problems in the Fells related to the sharing of the land is the fact that so many of the trails (Skyline, Reservoir, and Cross Fells) overlap in too many places and even overlap with the Mountain Bike loop. We don't need fewer trails, we need more single use trails. If the mountain bikers want the thrill of riding on a single-track trail, let them build one that allows one-way traffic and doesn't intersect with hiking trails. But, by all means, continue to limit use of the Reservoir, Skyline, and Cross Fells trails to hikers. As it is today, until winter sets in and snow covers the trails I keep to the less desirable Lawrence Woods section of the Fells just so I'm able to avoid the majority of the mountain bike riders. I shouldn't have to restrict myself to one corner of the Fells to avoid one constituency. Where's the fairness in that?

I understand the valid concerns with over-developing the Fells and the impact too many trails potentially have on some of the wildlife. I once read that some college, while improving their landscaping, waited to install walkways for several months. Once they could see where people tended to walk, that's where they put the walkways. It's clear to me that many of the unofficial trails that exist in the Fells are there because that's where the trails should be. I'm always amazed when entering the Fells at Gate 2, there is no condoned trail. I have to take an unmarked, unofficial trail $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to reach a fire road and close to a mile before I reach the first official trail (Cross Fells, the only official trail in that corner of the Fells).

I don't have solutions for all the problems that the Fells face daily. I don't imagine the Commonwealth has the resources to increase enforcement of current regulations and ensure public safety, nor would I want to turn the Fells into an overly controlled environment. Generations of youths have used it as a place to drink alcohol and they leave food, wrappings, bottles, and cans behind. I pick up after them frequently. To me, that's the ugliest thing in the woods. Paintballers that I often see are probably a problem, too, although it doesn't appear that the effects of their visits does any permanent damage. Last, I'm bothered that while I'm usually carrying waste from my dog away in bags designed for that purpose, I never see anyone else with a dog doing the same. And walking with one's

dog or dogs is a little different than dog walkers taking 3 to nearly a dozen dogs on those same trails.

In conclusion, I don't know how you cater to so many groups with diverse perspectives on how the Fells should be enjoyed and managed. While I am in favor of a full participatory Resource Management Plan process, I am unclear how constituencies such as bird clubs, conservation groups, watershed agencies, mountain biking groups, hikers, dog owners, abutters, etc. will ever reach a consensus. But I do know that relinquishing more of the Fells to the Mountain Biking constituency would be the worst decision you could make.

Yours truly,

Norman Shacat

From: Kim Gladstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:04 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: I oppose the proposed increase in recreation in Middlesex Fells without comprehensive plan to protect sensitive areas!

DCR,

As a member of Friends of the Fells, I am writing to you to let you know that I am opposed to any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed. A plan must be put into place that allows for the protection of eight rare species, over 100 vernal pools, and the diverse plants and wildlife habitats at the Middlesex Fells Reservation. We can't wait for destruction to occur before plans are put into place - it will be too late then! Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Gladstone
Winchester Resident
Friends of the Fells member

From: David Landskov [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:06 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Resource Management Plan for Middlesex Fells Reservation

To Whom It May Concern,

While I support increased recreation use of the Fells Reservation, a comprehensive Resource Management Plan needs to be completed before allowing bicycle use. DCR needs to plan for protection of eight rare species, over 100 vernal pools, the diverse plants and wildlife habitats, and pedestrian safety at the Middlesex Fells Reservation. No significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Thank you for your consideration,

-- David Landskov
Member, Sustainable Arlington

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of William M. Ethier Sr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
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From:
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: (no subject)

Please count my vote as against the further enhancement of 'bike' activity in the Fells.....this is becoming a long fought cause as I was involved in a similar campaign 20 or more years ago! The Fells is home to wild creatures (animals) amid the jungle of city life....let us keep it that way!

Jean Smith (member of Winchester Trails) [REDACTED] Winchester, MA.

From: Robert Wolfreys [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am opposed to the currently proposed DCR Fells Trails Plan. The Fells is one of the most important resources in the Greater Boston area, particularly for those without access to automobile transportation. I have enjoyed using the T to visit the Fells to hike and enjoy nature for almost 20 years. During that time I have been run off of trails by bicyclists, who terrorize hikers and increase erosion of the trails. And now you want to convert some hiking trails to bicycle use? Why not enforce existing rules there and ban those who destroy our resource, rather than cater to them?

At the very least, no proposed plan should be implemented until a weel thought out and comprehensive resource management plan is implemented. We need a plan that will provide for protection of the plant and animal species there and prevent further degradation of trails there.

Sincerely,

Robert Wolfreys
[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02145

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Rob Patch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:30 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

I support DCR's Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

Name:
Rob Patch
Email:
rpatch@metrocast.net

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From: Vreeland, Elaine [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com

Subject: Opening Middlesex Fells Trails to Bikers Threatens Other Users, Especially Dogs

From: Killion, Audrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:38 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: bikers in Fells

I don't think there should be any extension of activity in the Fells. Bikes are already tearing up the terrain. Some bikers are very inconsiderate of hikers, even hikers with small children and dogs on leash.

Thank you, Audrey Killion
[REDACTED], Winchester

From: philip coonley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please do not risk further damage to Fells

Collector of comments"

I am an active member of Winchester Trails, a group which takes all Winchester public school fourth graders on nature walks in the Fells. The children seem to love this introduction to the wonders of nature right in their midst. I am also a hiker, dog walker, and bicyclist, though I do not bicycle in the Fells given its vulnerability. The past few years, I have noticed increased trail, and off-trail, erosion from "mountain" bike use. I think it would be highly irresponsible to allow any increase in such aggressive recreational uses in the Middlesex Fells Reservation until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed given its rare species, vernal pools, diverse plants and wildlife habitats, and reservoirs. Please do a comprehensive Resource Management Plan before proceeding further.

Thank you for your consideration.
Philip Coonley

From: Pat [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Bike/Hike Trails

I'm a bicyclist and still I believe it's a poor choice to open up the Fells to more biking. If you stay on the trails the pedestrian traffic is too much for everyone's safety. If you leave the trails it's environmentally unfriendly and results in a lot of bad things.

Sorry, bikers, but the Fells, though convenient, is a poor place to expand bike trails.

-- Pat Peterson

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 3:44 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Middlesex Fells

To Whom it May Concern,

According to the September 2010 Draft Trails Plan for the Middlesex Fells, trails are the intersection of recreation and conservation. The Draft Trails Plan also states that trails impact vegetation, soils, water quality and wildlife. To have a trails plan finalized prior to a Resource Management Plan (RMP) is backwards, doesn't make sense, and is just plain irresponsible.

Trail management will a significant component of the RMP but should not be finalized prior to conservation and other public uses have been evaluated. The September 2010 Draft Trails Plan should remain in draft form and be taken into consideration and modified as findings of the RMP dictate.

This land is borrowed from our grandchildren. Let's not make speedy decisions until a clear plan is in place....a plan which looks into the future and manages the land with wisdom.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth J. Durrell
Reading, MA

From:
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Bikes in Fells

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

I grew up in Melrose, and have been hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing on the trails of the Fells since I have been able to walk -- over 40 years.

I understand that you are attempting to accomplish a lot of work, but I think your objectives are wrong. Mountain biking in the Fells is permitted in enough areas already. The Fells is a Reservation not a playground, it is a place for reflection and quiet. The City of Boston and all its excitement is just minutes away. There is no need to provide the thrill entertainment that bikers seek in an area that provides tranquility that is so elusive in an urban area. Please, do not make changes.

Andrea Croteau, Sharon MA

From: Justine Laugharn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Protect the Fells from increased and unmanaged recreation activities

To whom this may concern:

The Fells is a beautiful area, rich in natural history, all a short ride from Boston Proper. It is a marvelous green space that invites anyone at all interested in nature, to explore and learn about the diverse species that reside there. There are so many habitats including vernal pools, ponds, deciduous woodlands, meadows, streams, rocky outcrops - that we could spend a life time just understanding all the classes of plants and animals that live there. It is an ideal backdrop for school groups to see first hand what they learned in the classroom, as well as appreciate the importance of preserving their neighborhoods. In this time of environmental awareness, we need to have our children, the next generation, the next stewards of our land, understand the implications of abuse of the land. We have even had troupes of dancers so inspired by its beauty to have non-impact performances in the Fells!

There is no enforcement of land use or abuse in the Fells currently. Currently, many bicyclists ride on trails that are clearly marked for walkers only, even though there are so many others available. In fact, it can be dangerous on narrow trails with small children to maneuver out of the way of bicycles. There is also rampant encroachment in the reservoir areas in Winchester which is a problem because it is our water supply. Again, clearly marked signs do not dissuade people. To increase reckless recreational activity without a plan for enforcement, is imprudent; it will not only be hazardous for the native species, but for the public as well.

I spend many hours each week in Fells, exploring, hiking, guiding children and adults on nature walks. We need to keep the Fells intact not only for its native inhabitants but for the enjoyment of the public now and in generations to come.

Please do not increase any more recreation in the Middlesex Fells without a comprehensive plan; it is too important for the future.

Justine Laugharn

Winchester, MA 01890

From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Eric Ansay [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 5:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org

Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:

Eric Ansay

Email:

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of Katharyn Gilmartin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
Katharyn Gilmartin
Email:

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From: gbnemba@dagger.dreamhost.com on behalf of sean maleski [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 5:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: fells@gbnemba.org
Subject: I support the Draft Trails Plan for the Fells!

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Name:
sean maleski
Email:

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From: Jane Connor [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 7:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fwd: Please continue to take care of the Fells

Dear Fellstrail comments,

I sent this to you earlier; I may have been too hasty. I've been reading on our town list today about the mountain-bike side of the story, and it sounds as if the Fells is being thoughtfully dealt with. Thanks.

Jane

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Connor <[REDACTED]>

Date: November 17, 2010 12:17:52 PM EST

To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us

Subject: Please don't sacrifice the Fells

Please, please, please don't open the Fells trails to mountain bikes. There are plenty of places for bikers. The trails would be ruined *forever* for hikers, walkers, birders, picnickers, little kids....

Please don't.

Jane Connor
Arlington

From: Theodora Stratis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 7:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fell Trails Plan

Dear DCR,

I would like to add my voice to the debate for expansion of bike trails in the Fells Reservation. I am an avid biker, but the changes to the tenor of the trails in the Fells with respect to biking are quite negative. The majority of the bikers who use the Fells are not respectful of trail rules, and there seems to be an aggressive attitude toward non-bikers. I have walked the Fells my since childhood, and I would like preserve the beauty and condition of the Fells for my children and future generations. The Fells are the lungs of our crowded cities. We have a duty to protect the Fells plant and wildlife environments, as well as the safety of Fells users. The quality of the Fells experience must be managed with care and thought for all users, and I agree that bikers must be limited to the fire roads.

Thank you for your consideration,

Theodora Stratis
[REDACTED] Medford, MA

From: Hilary Coolidge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 8:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); friendsa@fells.com; Parks, Mass (DCR)

Subject: fells development

Dear Fells advocates:

I am writing about the proposal to increase the trails accessible to mountain bikers of the Fells. I have written about this issue in the past, and while I believe studies of the environment is a helpful way to see what the proposed changes would be to the wildlife and health of trails, erosion, etc., I feel another more basic issue is at the heart of this matter. I have written against increasing trail access to mountain bikers because NEMBA members - including people "high up" in the management of the association - actively flout the current agreement they have with the Fells on the trails they are allowed to ride, and they do this while on group rides. To provide even more access I fear, will only increase this negligent behavior and provide a bad example to riders who are introduced to the area through NEMBA rides.

Hilary Coolidge

From: David Holt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: David Holt
Subject: Draft Plans Middlesex Fells Resevation

Importance: High

Gentlemen/Gentlewomen;

My wife and I are long-time Winchester residents and long-time walkers in the Fells. More recently we have introduced our two young grandchildren to the delights of "a walk in the woods". We also walk with new dog, always on a leash. We all look forward to these walks, recognizing that despite the many times on the Fells trails there is always the opportunity to see some new "animal, vegetable or mineral". Also, as we venture onto trails we have not frequently hiked, the opportunity exists to get briefly lost because of poor or absent signage.

We have been surprised by mountain bikers several times on the upper reaches of the Skyline Trail. They were struggling to stay upright and avoid disaster and so had little time to look ahead for walker traffic. I read the DCR Draft Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation to see how DCR was proposing to deal with the issues of multiple use. The Plan seemed to work towards a reasonable resolution of fixing the trails to eliminate overlap and redundancy and giving the mountain bikers access to an additional trail. The details in Sections 6.9 and 6.10, however, are not reasonable.

1) DCR is courting the risk of major injury to either a biker or a walker by making The Reservoir Trail a joint use trail. It is the one of the most walked by families with young kid and dogs. Not a safe mix with Mountain Bikes. DCR should choose or cobble together another trail for the Bikers.

2) DCR plans to " Evaluate... designating all official trails other than Skyline and Rock Circuit as multi-use trails AND to Evaluate ALL Appropriate Trails as Mult-Use Trails. So much for DCR's concern about the safety and well being of the hikers/walkers who are the primary users of the Fells.

Mountain Bikers don't want to be at risk of injuring either themselves or hikers. Hikers and Bikers have much in common, including enlightened self-interest. As long as the DCR can revert to the initial sections of the Plan which appeal to this, it can be successful.

We look forward to seeing an updated Draft addressing these significant concerns.

Sincerely your,

David & Karen Holt

██████████ Winchester, MA 01890

Do note that some Mountain Bikers are not so inclined to the RMP process:

<<http://www.dirtworld.com/trails/trailphoto.asp?name=Middlesex%20Fells&id=13105>>

Source: www.dirtworld.com <<http://www.dirtworld.com/>>

<<http://www.dirtworld.com/trails/addcomments.asp?id=13105&name=Middlesex%20Fells>> <<http://www.dirtworld.com/trails/prINTERfriendly.asp?id=13105>>

Middlesex Fells

Trail Type: Single Track 90%

Dual Track 10%

Distance: 20.00 miles (32.18 KM)

Trail Description:

A classic Boston must-do ride. This ride is made up of a combination of different loops around 3 water resevoirs. Disregard the main mountain biking loop for the most part. It's 80% dirt road. (Boring) Follow the White, Orange and Blue markers posted to trees. I like to park at the upper sheepsfold parking area and head north on the small strip of singletrack that leads through the dog field and picnic table area. Just on the other side of the field the skyline trail(white markers) picks up after a quick right then your first left. I like doing the loop counter clockwise personally. Since it's a combinations of loops, it's tough to get lost for very long. It gets pretty technical in places. Have fun!

From: Josephine Ricciardelli [██████████]

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:05 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: recreational use of the Fells Reservation

I believe it would be a huge mistake to allow unbridled recreational use of the Fells Reservation, especially bikes on the walking trails. Not only would it be a safety hazard but it would greatly endanger the animal and plant life. Please reconsider allowing this to happen.

Sincerely, Josephine Ricciardelli

From: Steve Semock [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:11 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Bike Trails

For almost 20 years I have enjoyed the Fells many diverse hiking trails. As our children grew up in Melrose, many Sundays throughout the year we would take hikes and enjoy the quiet and peaceful times we had together. But as mountain biking become more of a trend we would notice the time was not as peaceful as more bikers began to discover the Fells. Places at one time which hikers and bikers alike would know were for hikers only never stopped a biker and their purported ignorance. Trails began to be wider, rockier and just plain ugly as mountain bikers continually tried new trails that were only for hikers. As bikes began to ride all trails in all seasons the damage has gotten worse and worse. I was a biker at one time there myself but only on designated fire roads, I knew and respected the rules. But not today. I have stayed off the trails for years because I didn't want to become one of the many bikers who were disturbing the young families quiet time in the woods that is so close to a major urban population.

From the development of the hospital to the opening up of all the trails to bikes is such a disappointment of a beautiful spot we have in our backyard soon to be lost to those who don't understand how lucky we truly are to have this woods as a peaceful getaway.

Please stop the hiking trails of becoming biking trails. Once the damage is done it is too late.

Steve Semock

From: Mary Foley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 10:01 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: NO to mountain biking in the Fells

Please do not allow any more biking in the Fells. I think it should be preserved and not subject to the damage that more biking would create. Thanks, Janet Sarro Medford MA

From: Eric Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 1:48 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Comments on Fells Trails draft plan

Paul Jahnige
Massachusetts DCR, Fells Trails Planning
136 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

I moved to Arlington last spring and since that time my dog and I have been regular visitors to the Fells. Having such a large forested area embedded in a major metro area is not common and it is clearly one of the factors that makes Boston a desirable place to live. However, the large number of potential users that comes with a major metro location means there are significant challenges in managing the Fells in an environmentally sustainable manner. Various groups have focused on possible drawbacks of the draft Fells trail plan. I would like to comment on whether there will be adequate enforcement to prevent longer-term damage to the Fells.

The draft plan notes (p. 37) that "Ranger duties include ... monitoring and enforcement" but that "At current staffing levels, personnel within the Fells district are severely overburdened by the management responsibilities of these significant properties". I agree with this assessment. The draft includes proposed compliance measures such as increased signage, which is certainly useful as many users of the Fells are responsible and will follow posted signs. However, signs have limits. For example, the three western reservoirs are already heavily posted with signs. I typically visit the Fells on weekends in the few hours before sunset. During all of my visits to the Fells, I have never seen any park officials. I have, however, frequently seen people along the banks of the three western reservoirs fishing (especially on the north reservoir), or allowing their dogs to swim in the reservoirs.

DCR acknowledges enforcement is necessary in the Fells, but the enforcement of current rules is already lax. It is not clear that the DCR has a complete picture of what goes on during the times when no rangers are present, or that DCR has determined what staffing level would be needed to cover the current rules and current number of park users (let alone new rules and additional users). As noted above, I think the draft overestimates what can be accomplished through improved signage (p. 41) and self-enforcement (p. 43). The draft does propose to "increase DCR ranger presence" (p. 44) but it is not stated how the DCR determined what an appropriate increase would be and what sort of coverage the increased staffing would be able to provide. On page 45, the draft suggests having designated times for various uses but the only suggested method of applying such a rule is

to "work with stakeholder groups to evaluate and self-enforce". Notably, there is no suggestion that ranger staffing would be able to provide enforcement.

I appreciate the work that the DCR has put into the current draft. Some proposals, such as a trial implementation of specific off leash dog areas, are positive improvements over the current situation in the park. However, there are enough issues left unresolved in the current draft that I would urge the DCR to undertake a more comprehensive Resource Management Plan, and to refrain from making significant changes to current trail use until such a plan is in place.

Sincerely,
Eric Bennett
[REDACTED], Arlington, MA 02474

From: April Healey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 5:43 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Planned bike trails

Mr. Jahnige,

The Middlesex Fells does not need more mountain bikes on hiking trails. They are disruptive to the enjoyment that I experience when walking in the Reservation. There also should not be any changes in use until a full management plan is completed.

Please - in the rest of the area where one must contend with traffic, noise, and stress, being able to enjoy the Fells without the destruction of its fragile environment is something that I really appreciate.

April Healey
[REDACTED] Burlington, MA

From: Gretchen Racek [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:21 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Please don't allow motor bikes in the Fells. Most of all it could threaten the water supply of Winchester. The trees and plants would certainly be damaged. The noise level would also be a problem for such a wonderful area.

Gretchen and Eugene Racek
[REDACTED] Winchester, MA. 01890

From: Daniel Jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:36 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: please protect the Middlesex Fells

Dear Sir/Madam -

I have read with alarm the proposed plans to increase recreational uses of the Middlesex Fells. I live within 1/4 mile of the Fells and have used the Reservation extensively over the past 30 years to teach my kids about nature, walk, run, mountain bike, snowshoe, and cross-country ski. The Reservation is a precious haven of peace and quiet in the middle of the urban bustle. Increasing non-passive use will put this haven into peril and may not be reversible. I urge you to refrain from allowing any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jacob
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Markuson, Nancy J. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:44 AM
To: fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Middlesex Fells

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Nancy Markuson

Burlington

From: Two Roads [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:19 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); friends@fells.com
Subject: Comment on the Middlesex Fells

Dear DCR:

This email is to give support in opposing the increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan is completed.

As producers of Dance in the Fells (October 2010), we see the Middlesex Fells not only as a habitat of diverse plant and wildlife, but also as a location of necessary green space for urban life. We certainly appreciate the multi-use aspect of the Fells and we encouraged both bikers and hikers to use the trails to attend our site specific event on October 9. However, we think that an increase in recreational use without a plan to enforce rules regarding bike use, will not only harm the habitat, but also slowly ease into the environment a mode of transportation which, to some extent, already exists outside of not only the rules of the road, but also a public park. Educating bikers to follow the rules of the road is already difficult, but to open the park to further bike use without enforcement will set a bad precedent which will be irreversible.

Sincerely,

Kyna Hamill

From:

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:03 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); fellstrails.comments@state.ma.us

Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comments -- please read 11/18

November 18, 2010

TO: DCR – Fells Trails Plan Comments

FR: Thomas W. Lincoln

Medford, MA 02155

I would like these comments entered into the official record.

My wife and I are frequent walkers in the Middlesex Fells. We treasure this natural open space, its ecological values, the wildlife and the plant life. It is an integral part of our city, our neighborhood and our daily life.

Unfortunately, our enjoyment and the ecological health of this unique and priceless space have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, areas are trampled and destroyed and the general atmosphere for many walkers on many days is one of fear. In fact, because of the wild and uncontrolled

riding of many bikers, we no longer walk at all in the East side of the Fells. It is both an unpleasant and unnerving experience to do so.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands. Surely, the DCR is better than that.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. I thank you for your time and attention and hope to take these comments seriously and act accordingly.

S/S

Thomas W. Lincoln

From: Saki-kun [REDACTED]
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Carolyn Healey

Burlington, MA

From: Louise Ahearn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: fells trails plan

Department of Conservation and Recreation,

I am greatly opposed to your new trail plan for the Middlesex Fells because it would allow bikers on more trails. They should be restricted to the extensive trails now approved for bikers. These rules should be enforced.

My husband, family and I enjoy the peace of hiking in the Fells. I am also impressed by recent and past studies of the plant and animal life in the Fells. Conservation of these natural resources should be a primary goal of policy. This is a very unusual natural area very close to Boston and it should be preserved as a natural area for us and our children.

The Fells should not be turned into an amusement park. Expanded recreation, especially for bikers, should be carefully studied as part of a Resource Management Plan.

Louise Ahearn
[REDACTED] Winchester, MA 01890

From: Lois Grossman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Let's not rush to ruin

I am writing to ask that you hold off on any changes to the Trails policies until a Resource Management Plan (RMP) is completed. The RMP will consider all the ecological and recreational aspects of the Fells, and provide a way to carefully protect this irreplaceable open space from permanent harm or destruction.

I have a mountain bike and love to ride, but the last thing I want to do is ride roughshod over fragile ground. There should be a way to allow limited biking and still protect the Fells.

Thank you
Lois Grossman
Medford

From: Anita Brewer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Reservation
Attachments: Nov 19 Ltr Final.docx

November 15, 2010

To: Department of Conservation and Recreation
From: Anita Brewer-Siljeholm
Re: DCR draft Trail System Plan, Middlesex Fells Reservation

I am writing to oppose the recommendations of the draft DCR Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation and to urge that there be no change in the present regulations until a more comprehensive evaluation of the Reservation be made.

I propose that the draft plan be held in abeyance, with the comments on it set aside for incorporation into the public comment phase of the Fells Resource Management Plan, due to the scope and seriousness of the issues raised by the release of the draft plan. My reasons are as follows:

1. Restricting bikes to certain trails will not reverse the destruction or solve the conflict between people on foot and those on bicycles; accommodation has been the policy for nearly 20 years, since the government allowed bikes in 1989 on one loop hiking trail and all the carriage roads, and that policy has failed to protect trails and satisfy users.
2. There is no enforcement in the DCR plan; without extensive enforcement, users do not observe limits on their activities, and harmful users become particularly destructive.
3. Splitting of the trails among user groups is contrary to the identity of the Fells.
4. The Fells is not a sports park, it is a nature reservation, and while there are lots of places to ride a mountain bike, there is only one Fells Reservation for the thousands of nearby residents who visit on foot.
5. People on walking trails report being interrupted, disturbed, and threatened by the speed, frequency, and power of bicycles, whose riders often seem oblivious to other trail users.
6. Mountain bikes harm the Fells, something I've observed over the past 10-15 years as trails have become eroded, widened, unrecognizable from the intense use by bicycles.
7. The revelation that the Fells still has an unusual level of ecological diversity means that there is even more to protect; not only the tranquility and enjoyment of all those who come on foot is eroded, but the very basis for the stunning quality of the Fells is threatened when trails are widened into rutted boulevards and the denser woods are punctuated by spider trails, hardened by the constant impact of heavy, fast bikes under strong riders able to cover every section of the Fells in a brief visit.
8. I have given a significant portion of my life to the cause of safe bicycling. This kind of bicycling is unsafe for the woods.
9. If this approach will be followed in other DCR properties statewide, where DCR allies with a single user group over the collective experience of dozens of groups familiar with a property who oppose such a trails plan, then I am really worried about DCR's capacity to protect sensitive natural resources in its new statewide forest management initiative.

10. DCR has no right to endanger or sacrifice the extraordinary natural values of one Reservation for the short term recreational interests of a single user group.

11. The draft DCR trails report correctly states that there are redundant trails, damaged trails, and trails in sensitive areas that should be closed, but it errs when it states that hikers and bicyclists are equally responsible for the degradation; bicyclists exclusively prefer the foot trails, while people on foot are spread out over the carriage roads and hiking trails, resulting in a disproportionate degree of impact from bikes along the hiking trails, due to the physical stress which bicycles place on the thin soils, steep gradients, numerous water bodies, and diverse plant life of the Fells.

The DCR envisions "multi-use trails" in the Fells, but this is a category of trail I do not understand. Trails in the Fells are already varied and well suited to walkers of all types. I cannot imagine what other "uses" are intended.

As a Reservation, the Fells is already "multi-use:" it provides clean drinking water, peace and serenity for visitors, exercise and fresh air to urban dwellers, unique botanical research for over a hundred years, maintenance of nearby property values, a chance for children to experience nature, and educational programs for all ages and groups among other "uses." It provides a home for thousands of animals and hundreds upon hundreds of species of plants. Multiple government agencies such as the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the towns of Winchester and Stoneham, and the cities of Medford, Malden and Melrose all "use" the Fells now. It is truly a multi-use property in need of our protection.

I urge DCR to consider naming the Fells as a "patch reserve" so that the extraordinary natural features which attract so many people are protected for future generations.

Sincerely,

Anita Brewer-Siljeholm

From: Margen Kelsey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:55 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan - Public Comment

November 18, 2010

TO: Department of Conservation and Recreation

RE: Fells Trails Plan Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I have enjoyed walking in the Fells for many years, during all four seasons. We've lived in Winchester for 13 years and I'd say we go there just about every week. It is an amazing natural resource and so close to Boston!

Unfortunately, the ecological health of this unique and priceless natural area has been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled. Also, it is not uncommon to be surprised while on a quiet walk by a mountain biker appearing out of nowhere.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margen Kelsey
[REDACTED] Winchester, MA 01890

From: Carol Kazmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I understand that the Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering sanctioning mountain bike use in the Middlesex Fells. As a daily walker in the Fells for almost 20 years, I have seen firsthand the damage caused by illegal biking in the Fells, with many trails severely eroded and shrubs and small plants ripped up or crushed. Frequently, I have seen the dead bodies of small animals, such as field mice and voles, which have been run over by bicycles. Illegal biking has also caused the poor soil in the Fells to become increasingly compacted, which likely exacerbated the severe flooding of the Fells in Spring 2010, as the soil's ability to retain water was compromised. These floods resulted not only in severe damage to the Fells, but also to many houses in the surrounding Lawrence Estates neighborhood.

The Fells is an incredible natural resource for us all to enjoy, and it is in all of our interests to continue to protect it as a peaceful refuge for the wildlife and the people of Massachusetts. Please use the power of your office to delay making this drastic change to the Fells until a resource management plan for the Fells has been completed. Once the delicate ecosystem of the Fells, which miraculously has survived for over one hundred

years, is further damaged by officially allowing mountain biking, it will be too late to undo the inevitable deleterious effects.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Very truly yours,

Carol E. Kazmer
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Susan Altman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on Fells Trail Plan

As a resident of Medford for the last 21 years, I use the Fells regularly as a walking space. Unfortunately, the ecological health of this unique and priceless space have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled. In addition, because of the wild and uncontrolled riding of many bikers, walking is often unpleasant or fearful. Yet more access to mountain biking is not what the Fells needs.

I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

Thank you.

Susan Altman
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Rob [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 11:08 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on the Fells Trail Plan

Dear Committee:

Overall, the Trail Plan is a well considered and inclusive document that is respectful of the fragility of the Fells' ecosystems and the diverse desires of all stakeholders.

One essential recommendation, on page 40, regarding "no net gain" in total trails, that gives specific preference of closing trails by a 3 to 1 ratio for every new trail, is the lynch pin to

success of the Plan. First priority must be given to protecting sensitive resources such as vernal pools, wet areas, vegetation, thin soil covering, etc.

The success of the plan will also depend on the sincere and sustained commitment on the part of stakeholders such as FoF, NEMBA and AMC to trail maintenance and to educating their members and other visitors on trail etiquette, limiting usage during the "mud month" or other wet periods, and staying on trails.

Taken together these (and the other) measures will likely result in a net decrease in the negative environmental impact to the Fells as a whole, while increasing the number of trails available to bicyclists. The trial period allowing off-leash dog exercising, not on trails but in the meadow, will likely reduce the frequency of unwelcome encounters with dogs along the trails through voluntary compliance.

Thank you for the effort by many to develop this plan.

Respectfully,

Rob

Rob Truslow
[REDACTED] Woburn MA 01801

From: Sally Brennan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Please put the Fells before bikers and dog packs--I know
many older residents as well as younger children who are afraid
of injury and no longer walk these woods.

A RMP is important for the centuries to come--it's your gift to the future
to protect and cherish these beautiful places
Sally Brennan

From: Will Tenney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 11:42 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comments

Hello:

I live in Medford, only a few blocks from one of the entrances to the Fells. My decision to move to Medford was heavily based on the fact that we could walk to the Fells at any time

of year for walking, cross-country skiing, or snow-shoeing. The Fells has always been a place of solace and introspection, a place for renewal and careful observation of the natural world.

Over the past few years, however, I have become more and more annoyed by mountain bikers (I myself am an avid bike rider, but not a mountain biker) in the Fells who do not pay any attention to the posted regulations. On confronting one biker who was on a clearly marked path prohibited to bikers, I was verbally threatened and told to mind my own business. I have been forced off narrow trails by bikers not heeding right-of-way etiquette and have seen the quality of the Fells trails degrade as more and more bikers tear up the terrain.

I am very concerned that the DCR might allow mountain biking on virtually all of the Fells trails, whether wide fire trails or narrow walking trails. My main concern is that once bikers are allowed to go on any trail in the Fells, they will go off-trail and endanger the fragile environment of the area. I would hate to see the habitats of endangered salamanders or rare pink lady's slippers overrun by knobby tires which cut deeply into delicate moss-covered terrain.

Please hold off on instituting your Fells Trails Plan until an acceptable Resource Management Plan has been established which respects the input from all categories of Fells visitors and supporters, including bird clubs, conservation commissions of surrounding cities and towns, families, watershed agencies, local schools, as well as the mountain biking community.

The Middlesex Fells have been reserved as beautiful open space for more than a hundred years through careful stewardship. It is our duty as citizens, whether in private or public lives, to maintain and protect this treasured resource for the next hundred years and more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Will Tenney
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Vreeland, Elaine [REDACTED]us]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments re Trail Use at Middlesex Fells from Winchester Conservation Commission
Attachments: Document1.doc

Winchester Conservation Commission
Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon St.

Winchester, MA 01890

Tel: (781) 721-7152 E-mail:

Dear Members of the Department of Conservation and Recreation,

As Administrator of the Winchester Conservation Commission, I am writing to express the Commission's concerns regarding DCR's proposal to increase active recreation at the Middlesex Fells without further environmental review.

The Massachusetts Natural Habitat and Endangered Species Program lists the Middlesex Fells as an important site containing wetlands, vernal pools, and priority habitats for rare plant and animal species.

We believe that it would be inadvisable to proceed with increased use of bicycles in buffer zones to areas that have not yet been fully defined, nor would it be in the best interests of conservation to proceed without plans to protect these sensitive areas.

More intense use of trails will require trail upgrades. The Winchester Conservation Commission has worked successfully with the New England Mountain Bike Association, but we have also required that they file a Notice of Intent, identify resource areas, present a plan, undergo a public hearing, and obtain a permit BEFORE work was done, in compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and our local bylaw.

I urge you to exercise the same level of care, to conduct a thorough review of all resource areas, and to obtain Orders of Conditions where required from each town where the work will take place.

Sincerely,
Elaine Vreeland,, Administrator
Winchester Conservation Commission

From: Conant Brewer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 12:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Re Fells Reservation

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:

I am writing about the DCR draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. I have been made aware that there is the possibility of increased or continued usage by mountain bikes within the scope of the new draft plan.

I am adamantly opposed to any plan that continues the existing use by mountain bikes within the Fells. As a resident of Melrose for over 10 years, I have had many occasions to observe the bike usage of the Fells while walking on its trails. I of course encountered mountain bikes many times, and at least half of those times occurred on trails I thought

were clearly closed to bikes. On a number of occasions, the encounter resulted in very close calls either to my children or myself, one almost resulted in an assault charge.

As a person who uses a bicycle many days a week to commute for over 30 years, I have no issue with bikes. However I have frequently noticed among mountain bikers a clear disregard for others, and a culture of trying anything or any trail, safe in the assumption that they will not be stopped. There is also the speed and control issue - I can appreciate the desire to go fast as I ride fast myself, but it is truly contrary to safety on mixed use trail. Period.

Unless the DCR plans to actually enforce the regulations which it does not have the resource to do, I urge you to hold off on any regulations.

I do a lot of hiking and boating and bicycling through out Mass., and have been in most of the state parks and Trustees and Audubon properties at one time or another. All are wonderful. I have co-existed happily with horses, skiers, runners, even off the road vehicles. However mountain bikes are the exception: they just seem to create safety problems in the woods. There is a reason why the Audobon and Trustee properties generally do not allow them.

Please do not create more problems for everyone. Hold off on the new reg's for now till a better and more inclusive plan is adopted.

Conant Brewer
President
Brewer's Ledge Inc
[REDACTED] Boston, MA 02130

From: Lisa Craig [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 12:33 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: [REDACTED] Subject: preservation of Fells Reservation

To whom it may concern:

I urge your support in protecting the Fells from mountain bikers who are being destructive to this habitat. Green space is so precious in this densely populated area, and as a result, we need to be extra vigilant in preserving not only the indigenous species themselves, but in maintaining a reasonable balance of usage so that all populations can continue to enjoy its recreational beauty. Mountain bikers are particularly hard on the terrain, and off the designated trails, represent a real threat to the enormous biodiversity of this area.

Thank you for your consideration of the long term health of this environment--it is most appropriate to have a principled leadership that considers all stakeholders and makes ethical, sustainable decisions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Craig

From:

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 12:48 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

TO: DCR Fells Trails Plan Comments

FR: Mary E. Hampton, [REDACTED], Malden, MA

The ecological health of the Middlesex Fells, a unique and priceless space, have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled.

In addition, because of the wild and uncontrolled riding of many bikers, walking is often unpleasant or fear inducing. Bikers often swoop down on people, families and children.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

I wish to be notified about every future step in this process.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Hampton

From: Celia Lee [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 1:51 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: DCR – Fells Trails Plan Comments

TO: DCR – Fells Trails Plan Comments

FR: Celia Lee, [REDACTED], Medford, MA 02155

Unfortunately, the ecological health of this unique and priceless space have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Celia Lee

From: Felicity Tuttle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on Fells Trails System Plan

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) should conduct a comprehensive Resource Management Plan process before further Fells trails management decisions are made. The Fells is a unique Reservation of forestland, wetlands and vernal pools.

When these lands were donated and purchased by the Commonwealth, the overarching purpose was to maintain natural green space. Since the habitats in the Fells have been closely scrutinized, experts have found that the site is unusual in its complexity and diversity, including rocky outcrops exposing faulting and glacial histories, broad wetlands and numerous vernal pools supporting significant species.

Much as many of us love to use the Fells, and for differing purposes, it is totally irresponsible to proceed with the proposed Trails System Plan without preceding it with a Resource Management Plan keeping in mind the unique qualities of this parkland and putting ITS PRESERVATION FIRST not our respective uses of it first.

As part of the full Resource Management Plan, all groups of Fells users need to be consulted and their interests addressed, particularly conservation groups and watershed agencies which are most likely to have an interest in PRESERVING the Fells. The full Resource Management Plan must include an analysis of trails - duplicate, parallel trails, trails near rare species, diverting trails from wetlands, limiting trails with severe terrain from the excess use which will rapidly erode them - and their uses. As part of a full Plan, enforcement provisions must be included to limit the improper uses presently in effect and also limit the illegal incursions which are constantly taking place. We do not have an unfettered right to put the Fells to our own uses without considering the impact on its environment for the future.

To create this current "Trails System Plan" without the full spectrum of analysis and broad input is irresponsible and will simply lead to further degrading of the park environment; people 20 and 30 years from now will recognize and deplore this current park leadership as both irresponsible and deficient - a pathetic legacy to the proud creators' visions.

Sincerely,

Felicity Tuttle

From:
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails plan

To whom it may concern,

Please hold off on any changes to the Trails policies until a "Resource Management Plan" (RMP) is completed. The RMP will consider all the ecological and recreational aspects of the Fells, and provide a way to carefully protect this irreplaceable open space from permanent harm or destruction. This is a simple, logical and reasonable request and will prevent damage to the Fells, etc.

The currently proposed Trails Plan would open up virtually the entire property to mountain bike use. Mountain bikers have already damaged major portions of the trails system and off-trail areas. The Trails Plan would merely make the situation worse, discourage walkers and hikers and take away from the originally intended use of the fells.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Sbuttoni, LMT, NCTMB, CD (DONA)
Medford Muscular Therapy Centre
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: chelsea girl [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 3:26 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail

Dear People:

I am a lifelong Medford resident. For many years my family lived on Westwood Road. We enjoyed walking its many trails, picnicking, and ice skating in the winter.

Unfortunately, the ecological health of this unique and priceless space have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have

been badly trampled.

In addition, because of the wild and uncontrolled riding of many bikers, walking is often unpleasant or fearful. Bikers often swoop down on people, families and children.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Kearin
[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155

From: matt burne [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 4:02 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Jahnige, Paul (DCR)
Subject: Comments on Draft Fells Trail Systems Plan

Paul Jahnige

Director Greenways and Trails Program

Department of Conservation and Recreation

136 Damon Rd

Northampton, MA 01060

November 18, 2010

Dear Mr. Janighe,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2010 DCR Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail Systems Plan. This has been a monumental undertaking, and I think that the DCR has done a good job in bringing the public into the discussion, and engaging the various user groups that are so intensely invested in the outcome of this process. As a conservation biologist and frequent user of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, I feel personally invested in the long-term preservation of the ecological integrity of the forest and varied wetland habitats, especially as they relate to the amphibian fauna of the Fells.

This effort does suffer from the lack of a comprehensive natural and cultural resources inventory. Without a complete knowledge of the occurrence of sensitive natural and cultural resources, it's impossible to state with certainty that the plan has done the best job possible of avoiding impacts and balancing the varied, and at times competing, interests of the public in management decisions. However, I have no illusions about having that level of inventory done, and there are some areas in which the trail system of the Fells is in desperate need of immediate improvement.

I am very glad to see that the DCR has used the Potential Vernal Pool data from MassGIS in evaluating the occurrence of vernal pools in the Middlesex Fells. This represents an important and very progressive step forward in the Department's approach to protecting vernal pools on its properties. I strongly urge this approach, along with using the Certified Vernal Pool data and any information generated from contracted or volunteer-based on-the-ground surveys across the entire range of land management decision making engaged in by the Department.

There is no escaping the fact that the Middlesex Fells is a heavily used property in an otherwise urban landscape. I think it's important, though, to not lose sight of the fact that the Fells does provide a great many opportunities to seek (and find) solitude and to experience Nature. The general approach to managing the park should therefore not be underlain by the notion of an "Urban Park," but of a forest that is surrounded by urban development. It should not be viewed first as a play ground for the communities within driving distance, which necessarily diminishes the value and importance of its natural resources, and causes natural resource protection to become a lesser consideration in management decisions. The Fells is large enough to go on supporting a variety of relatively healthy and intact ecosystem functions, while still being used for a wide range of recreational pursuits. We (the DCR and general public) can do a better job of using the reservation while at the same time reducing many of the impacts that we cause today.

Any effort that the DCR can make in the area of reducing the warrens of trails throughout the Fells will result in important improvements in both the user experience and in reducing impacts to wildlife habitat and other natural and cultural resources. The Trail Density Analysis that was done (and resulted in a great map) identified a number of hot spots, and if there are substantive improvements made in signage and trail closings, it will go a long way to reducing impacts in these areas. Closing trails and improving signage will not, in themselves, change the behaviors that lead to the creation of those warrens, and I'm concerned that efforts in this area will not have lasting effect if the reasons for rogue trail building aren't understood and addressed.

There are known instances of trails impacting vernal pool habitat, and where those have been identified, any work to eliminate impacts and repair existing damage will be of benefit. I think it's very important for the trail system to afford the public opportunities to get close to these interesting habitats, so I do not necessarily advocate rerouting existing trails that skirt vernal pools unless a trail is clearly causing harm as a result of erosion, soil compaction, or rutting, as recommended in the Plan. It would be excellent to see natural history interpretation happening out in the Fells, including signage or markers that can be

indexed to maps or GIS data to help improve the public's understanding of sensitive natural history features, such as vernal pools. I would add to the list of recommendations for protecting certified and potential vernal pools to ensure that trails within 500 feet of vernal pool habitat do not present impediments to amphibian migration.

DCR should work with the MWRA on eliminating artificial drainage of surface water bodies. Throughout the Fells, there are many examples of vernal pools and other surface water bodies that have manipulated water levels by things such as ditches, sluiceways, and pipes. I would like to see all of these practices documented and justified and then discussed with the public and/or scientific community.

One clerical correction that I caught: on page 33 the report mentions the Vernal Pool Society, which is actually Vernal Pool Association. That error may be repeated elsewhere in the report, but I did not happen to catch it.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

Matthew R. Burne

From: CELIA SCHULHOFF [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 4:13 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: lilaschul@aol.com
Subject: Fells Reservation

A simple message from an older "seasoned" resident of Stoneham. Please, please keep the Fells Reservation available to all groups for pleasure, observation, nature study, relaxation, etc.

DO NOT PERMIT MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR ANY GROUP THAT WOULD RUIN THE PRISTINE QUALITY OF THE FELLS, OR INTIMIDATE THOSE WHO ARE EXPLORING "UNDER THEIR OWN STEAM".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

CELIA SCHULHOFF, STONEHAM

From: Maciej Sobieszek [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 5:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: fells draft plan comments

I have sent my comments once before and i did not receive any communication back from your office just wanted to be sure

That my comments are counted in, here they are again.

Dear Paul Jahnige,

First off, thanks a lot for spending so much time on this piece of land. It must be one of the most studied properties in Massachusetts!

Here are my comments to DCR's recommendation:

6.1

Yes, absolutely close trails that have dead ends or are near sensitive areas and those spider-webs

"No net gain" plan as I understand DCR will close as an example 300ft of trail if 100ft are to be build, how soon, is there a time window for this to happen? Between closing old and opening of new trail.

6.3

Yes, new maps are a must, for download or to purchase at local stores such as REI and bike shops and even local supermarkets. New signs with length of trails marked, expected users you may encounter (exactly as in appendix I): perfect! Trail blazing brought up to standard, so there is lot less confusion for the users.

6.4

Figure out a legal way through MWRA's property, this is the only way to get from one side to other for number of reasons such as cutting your trip shorter

Mud season closure just for bikes? How about other user groups? I do like the fact that it's only during thawing season in March.

6.5

More parking yes please, but let's not implement day use fee. This would just create more illegal parking around those areas. There is so much parking at Bear Hill and Boston Regional Medical Center, working with local land owners to increase it is a good idea. Another thing to look at is when (if ever) this property gets redeveloped, it should be legal to park there to access Fells.

Access from Flynn Rink to Fells near Quarter mile pond, yes I like that the sooner the better.

6.6

I'm pretty sure all "hard core" users that are close to their stakeholder groups are very well aware of trail etiquette. I would point out to occasional user not tied to any group, so posting of these at trail heads makes all the sense! So it's clearly visible to all, especially to novices or newcomers.

Trail ambassador = DCR's ranger that's just my opinion and yes they should be more present at peak times, to educate and enforce if needed.

6.7

I'm not so convinced about police on trails, but again it's just my opinion.

Number of dogs per walker it's a good idea to limit and I'm all for designating a large area for "off leash K-9 users"

6.8

Virginia woods as pedestrian area only, how about letting bikers use one trail to get from Whip Hill area to reservoirs

I don't think it's a good idea to have separate times for different groups of users

I agree on separating Mountain Bike loop from skyline trail and getting rid of junctions.

6.9

Yes for bikes in Dark Hollow on existing trails and close that spider-web! And use those miles of trails some other place more suitable and sustainable.

Orange trail multiuse YES! And let's work on Cross Fells and Crystal springs in near future too. I would even push for multiuse on Skyline and Rock Circuit. There aren't that many bikers that can handle this type of trail so the impact on them would be minimal, as it is from any user group.

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And finally I'm for letting those dogs off the leash! Let them run! But do it some manageable way at Sheepfold but again not time restrained.

Few more things

After sunset use by mountain bikers, I don't think we are looking to use Fells at midnight or middle of night but rather to somewhat to extend ride times in autumn months when weather is still warm and sun goes down early.

Here is an example of good trail design in Manchester, NH
<http://www.fomba.org/files/trail-map.pdf> loops at different difficulty levels, length coming off fire roads not so interesting to someone traveling by foot but rather to someone traveling on two wheels that can cover more distance. This is a good way to keep specific trail users in their "places"

And please don't let Friends of Fells get away with stalling tactic of waiting for full RMP process to be completed before implementing smaller steps in the right direction

Maciej Sobieszek, [REDACTED], Stoneham MA "local rider and hiker"

From: Barry Trimmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 5:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please preserve our irreplaceable Middlesex Fells

I would like to urge the Department of Conservation and Recreation to reconsider their plans to allow open Mountain Biking in the Middlesex Fells. This wonderful natural resource could be irreparably damaged by such activities and potentially lost for all future users. Please do not change any Trails policies until a "Resource Management Plan" (RMP) is completed. The RMP will consider all the ecological and recreational aspects of the Fells, and provide a way to carefully protect this irreplaceable open space from permanent harm or destruction. This is a simple, logical and reasonable request and will prevent damage to the Fells.

I sincerely hope that you will wait for a full study.
Please keep me informed about your actions with regard to this beautiful resource

Sincerely

Henry Bromfield Pearson Professor of Natural Science
Biology Department
Tufts University
[REDACTED]

From: Adele Travisano [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 5:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail Plans

TO: DCR - Fells Trail Plan Comments

I am writing to urge you to please hold back on any changes to the Fells Trail policies until a Resource Management Plan is completed. This process will look into all aspects of the Fells and its trails, both ecological and recreational and will present a reasonable plan to protect this treasured and irreplaceable land which is greatly valued and enjoyed by so many citizens.

Thank you,
Adele Travisano

From: Betsy Fitter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 6:10 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails

Elizabeth Fitter
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

I am a firm supporter of the Fells and use it frequently but I have become very concerned of late by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled. I am 65 and find that there often is little regard for the walkers and for my leashed dog. I am not as nimble and cannot jump out of the way as I might have years ago. But I don't think that I should have to lose my privileges of a quiet walk so someone can hurtle down upon be at breakneck speed, tearing up the trail that I am trying to enjoy.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands. And compromise my equal rights to the Fells trails. Please give my request your consideration so that all views might be heard and a balanced solution found.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. I thank you for your time and attention.

Elizabeth Fitter

From: Thomas Thiers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 6:15 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Comment on the proposed DCR Trail plan

November 16, 2010

Subject: Comment on the proposed DCR Trail plan

To Whom It May Concern:

As a hiker of the Middlessex Fells and a participant in the October 2010 DCR's presentation of its proposed Trail Plan, I am concerned that a very vocal biking interest group is pressing for changes that would cause permanent environmental damage to the Fells. These changes would mean handing future generations a degraded reservation all so that a few may practice their hobby. I have the following comments to make regarding the DCR's proposed Trail Plan:

* Given the delicate and unique nature of the fauna and flora of the Fells, I call on the DCR to conduct a full Ressource Management Plan BEFORE making any changes to the trails systems. In this point I join the voices of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon, the Environmental League and Environment Mass, and the Friends of the Fells.

* • The Fells Trails Plan does not include means for effective enforcement measures to protect Fells resources and visitors. With no consequences for breaking rules the Fells Trails Plan will mean even greater numbers of bike riders will ride wherever they choose, including off-trails and onto sensitive habitats. The Trails Plan offers no plans for Rangers or State Police to give citations for infractions of regulations designed to protect nature and safety of visitors.

* • The Trails Plan premise that bike impacts are the same as hiking/walking impacts ignores years of clear evidence of extensive bike damage in Fells (including dramatic trail widening and erosion) as well as impacts of bike use on other visitors.

* • Allowing bike use during mud season destroys trails and habitats.

* • DCR's own 2010 bike-use management principles, states: "Intensive use of trails for biking can cause severe erosion." "Heavy bicycle usage can also be incompatible with walking and nature observation." "Additional policing is needed to monitor permitted and illegal off-trail riding and to prevent erosion." "Limitations on bicycle use are needed... due to limited resources for management of public access, recreational use, and user conflicts."

• (Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed 2010 Public Access Plan Update, DCR, p.20)

* • Before making changes to the Trails, the DCR must show that it is able to enforce rules concerning the usage of the reservation. Enforcement has been weak for 20 years, and with new bikers coming in, there is more need than ever to have MORE monitoring so that rules be respected. Without more enforcement, the changes proposed would be a direct invitation to more habitat destruction.

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* Thank you for taking these comments into account,

Thomas Thiers

Melrose, MA 02176

From: George Ellmore [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 6:19 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells well-considered

Dear DCR:

I am told that DCR is considering opening the entire Middlesex Fells to mountain bike use. I have spent many hours walking the Fells at all times of year. Parts of it are even used to teach ecology to my Tufts Biology students.

While multiple use of public lands is a valid goal, it is **also** reasonable to carefully examine the implications of adding new usage to previously-existing activities. People of all ages have been walking the Fells for probably more than a century. Parents with small children seem to be the most frequent afternoon visitors, especially in Fall. In contrast to the reflective pace of walkers, mountain bikers zoom through the area at high and startling speeds. I urge DCR to please keep **some** of the Fells open to pedestrian use only. Doing so would provide an area where adult and child walkers alike can look at trees and animals instead of over their shoulders for bikers.

To get an idea of how bikers impact the pedestrian experience, may I suggest that DCR members take a stroll on the Boston's Esplanade any weekend afternoon?

It may well be that DCR will eventually open much or all of the Fells to mountain bike traffic, but as stewards of this unique property, please make such a decision *ONLY* after conducting a Resource Management Plan that considers the cultural and trail erosion (and proliferation) effects of unlimited mountain bike access to the Fells.

Sincerely,
George Ellmore

From: Robert Blacklock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:09 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors.

This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Robert and Phyllis Blacklock
[REDACTED] Melrose, MA 02176

From: Jack Beusmans [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:45 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells trails plan

I'm writing to express my concern about the Fells Trails Plan which intends to open up large parts of the Fells to mountain biking. Limited mountain biking in certain designated areas within the fells is appropriate; opening it up wholesale is not. Moreover, it strikes me as odd for the DCR to take this step now before a Resource Management Plan has been completed.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,
Jack Beusmans
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Jane Torchiana-Shafer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:05 PM
To: Fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us
Subject: DCR Trail System Plan
Attachments: Fells Reservation Bike Trail letter.docx

To: The Department of Conservation and Recreation

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the draft DCR Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. I respectfully request further evaluations of the proposed draft in order to avoid potentially permanent damaging effects to the Fells and to the enjoyment of all who use it, except perhaps mountain bike riders.

I am somewhat at a loss for words as it appears that the Department of CONSERVATION and Recreation is seriously considering a proposal that negatively impacts the Fells environment. Mountain bike usage on additional trails would cause significant damage to sensitive plants, animal life and surrounding water bodies. The impact from the bike's tires would cause thinning and erosion of the soil and the frequency, speed and recklessness of mountain bikers would add safety concerns to all others who use the trails. I believe educational groups will not want to venture into this risky environment and many other people will choose to not use this wonderful, already multi-use land if the bike usage and safety risks increase while the quality of the environment decreases? I know my friends and family would find it very uninviting and truly miss this currently available and well used resource.

The only benefits to this plan are to the bikers. If you care for the conservation of the Fells Reservation please be VERY sure that this land is fully protected in every way before you move forward.

Sincerely,

Jane Shafer

From: Elizabeth and Brian Merrick [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:14 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Elizabeth and Brian Merrick
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trails Plan Comments

Nov. 18, 2010

We are writing to express our views on the Middlesex Fells trails plan. We strongly oppose the planned conversion of more Fells hiking trails to allow bike use.

The use of mountain bikes in the Fells is already excessive and damaging to both the Fells trail system/habitat and the enjoyment of hikers like us. Bikers frequently ride on trails that are not supposed to allow biking. They typically ride very fast and are sometimes hazardous to hikers. While some bikers stay within designated trails, that is not typical. The degradation of trails by bike use and the disruption caused to other Fells visitors is more than obvious.

Why does this plan propose to reward the widespread, irresponsible misuse of hiking trails by bikers that is already happening (and is acknowledged by all), by dramatically expanding the miles of trails to be opened to biking? This seems completely illogical and ill-advised. The Fells is a precious resource in terms of supporting plant and animal biodiversity. The overuse of trails (or riding on non-official "trails") is degrading the habitat. It is also creating a huge problem for the thousands of people who visit the Fells for quiet recreation, walking/hiking, bird watching, and enjoying nature.

The plan gives short shrift to the majority of users who are not bikers. Bikers are well organized, to be sure, and have applied major pressure to expand the areas open to them, but that does not mean that the large number of people who enjoy quiet and low-impact use of the Fells should be ignored. Furthermore, the Fells was not set aside primarily for active, high-impact use. Rather, resource protection (including wildlife and vegetation) is key, while allowing people to enjoy this wonderful habitat.

There is currently no enforcement of regulations for resource protection and the plan would not provide this. The Fells Trails Plan policy changes should be considered ONLY as part of a comprehensive resource management plan public process.

In summary, we urge you to protect the environmental integrity of the Middlesex Fells. We need a comprehensive resource management plan that will go beyond a piecemeal effort like this Fells Trails Plan, and will take into account all users and all impacts on the Fells environment. Expanding places for bikers to ride should not be the priority for this environmentally fragile, unique resource. Rather, mountain biking should be restricted if anything more than it is now, and restrictions should be enforced unlike the current state of affairs.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and Brian Merrick

Somerville, MA 02144

From: Angela Murdough [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:22 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); friends@fells.com
Subject: Fells

To whom it may concern,

For over a century the Fells has served as a Reservation where visitors can experience and appreciate nature. Our family is among them. We use the Fells as a place for solitude, to enjoy the quiet of nature, and to witness the small changes that the passing seasons bring. We drove to the Fells from Boston many, many times to hike in the Fells before choosing Winchester as a place to raise our family - partly due to the proximity of such a beautiful

piece of preserved land. With two small children now, we walk, skip and sometimes even tiptoe along the paths, enjoying the eye- and mind-pleasing trees, the rustling of leaves in the trees or on the ground, the sun peeking through the canopies, and looking and listening carefully for creatures big and small.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. Changing the Reservation to allow more mountain biking will cause additional erosion, harm plants (and therefore wildlife) and create a rapid demise of the quality of the trails. Allowing more mountain biking serves ONE population - mountain bikers - but restricting it would create - or at least maintain - land that generations of humans, flora and fauna can continue to enjoy. Preserved land is difficult to find, and mountain biking is generally recognized as damaging to land, not a means to preserve it.

A Resource Management Plan would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Thank you,

Angela Murdough

██████████ Winchester, MA 01890

From: Sandra Young [██████████]

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:23 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR); friends@fells.com

Subject: Fells Reservation Comments

To whom it may concern,

One of the things I love about visiting my grandchildren in Winchester is taking them to the Fells for a walk, or a hike, as the little ones call it. I can offer them a glimpse of nature similar to what I have here in Vermont. We use the Fells as a place to enjoy nature, to teach the children about things that they can not see anywhere else, and to watch the seasons change.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. Already 35 miles are dedicated to Mountain Biking, and adding more mountain biking will damage the trails further and also change the landscape of this Reservation remarkably.

I am writing to ask that you complete a Resource Management Plan, which would consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. Changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan. I hope to enjoy the Reservation as a safe and pleasant place - a

place where all creatures great and small can survive - for a long, long time with my children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Sandra Young, Shaftsbury, Vermont

From: Sheryl Lawrence [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:24 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: middlesex fells changes

To whom it may Concern,

Please do not make any changes to trails until an RMP is completed. I am concerned about protecting this valuable resource, and feel this is a reasonable request to do so.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Lawrence

From: Fran Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:29 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Public Comment Re: Middlesex Fells Reservation

Mr. Rick Sullivan
Commissioner
Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Point One: Your department is steward of one of the nation's largest park systems in the county.

Point Two: Your mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

Point Three: You and your staff are required to follow the law, as promised in the oath of office you took at your appointment.

Point Four: The law requires that your and your department initiate a legally mandated Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) involving the identification and protection of Fells

natural resources, enforcement of all Fells Reservation regulations, and the protection of public safety.

Points Five: Until this RMP is completed according to the law, any Fells Trails System Plan must remain in a draft-only form. No changes to the trails or usage can be made.

Point Six: This Resource Protection process is required by law.

Point Seven: As you and I are both law abiding citizens, this is why you need to listen very very carefully to reputable groups such as the Sierra Club, Mass Audubon, Trustees of Reservations, Environmental League, Environment Mass, and Friends of the Fells, who want to stand with you to oppose any Fells Trails Plan or increase in recreational uses - without first a comprehensive RMP in place. This plan needs to consider protection for 8 rare species, over 100 vernal pools, and the diverse plants and wildlife habitats that currently exist at the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Point Eight: Your personal and public legacy and those of your staff are at stake here - you either lead with implementing the law or you engage in unseemly efforts to break the back of that important law.

Point Nine: Today you can stop and smell the flowers and enjoy and respect their wonder and diversity, or you can run rough-shod over them and the aspirations of law abiding citizens.

Point Ten: Mr. Sullivan, I trust you will do the right thing, and honor your oath of office and commitment to public service. I trust you will make sure that the RMP process is rightly concluded and in place, before any changes to trails for bikers or walkers are made. This is the law and you and your department are the steward.

With confidence in your integrity and commitment as a public official and servant, I present these comments to you. My best wishes to you also in your important work.

Sincerely,

Francis M. Walsh

Melrose, MA 02176-5104

From: David Hoff [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 9:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am a recreational biker, who bikes up to 100 miles per week. I very appreciate the joys of bike riding. However, I am writing to express my strong opposition to any move to expand bike access in the Middlesex Fells reservation as proposed by DCR. The reasons for this opposition are as follows.

- Current bike trails are sufficient: There are currently 36 miles of trails in Middlesex Fells Reservation where biking is permitted. This is sufficient to meet the needs of mountain bikers, balanced with the wide array of other user needs (hikers, naturalists, bird watchers) and the overriding need to maintain and preserve the Fells natural habitat. There should be no consideration of increased bike trails in the Fells, until there is sufficient enforcement of rules and regulations, and development of a legally required Resource Management Plan.

- Illegal bike use is a major problem: Mountain bike access to the Fells was first authorized in 1989 based on the condition that the state parks agency would enforce regulations protecting hiking trails, habitat and visitors from unauthorized bike access impacts. However, Middlesex Fells bike use regulations have never been enforced; biking on unauthorized pedestrian trails and creation of illegal trails are huge issues in the Fells, causing major environmental damage. A user group that has clearly demonstrated its inability to comply with existing rules and regulations should not be “rewarded” with expanded use of the Fells

- Sharing trails deters non-bikers and is a major safety issue: The current level of illegal biking in the Fells makes it difficult for pedestrians and hikers, including families with young children, to enjoy the peace and serenity of the Fells. Expanding the level of authorized biking will not only make this worse, but will increase the significant level of danger that results from bikers speeding along trails also being used by pedestrians.

- Need for increased enforcement: The resources for enforcement of the rules and regulations in the Middlesex Fells are absolutely insufficient, with not even one full-time Ranger assigned to the 2,060 acres of the Fells. The end result is a multitude of illegal activities in the Fells, which includes not only biking in unauthorized areas, but dogs off leashes in direct violation of DCR rules, illegal campfires, paintball activities, late night drinking parties, etc. Until there are sufficient resources to enforce DCR rules and regulations, there should be no consideration of expansion of biking in the Middlesex Fells.

- A legally required Resource Management Plan is necessary before any consideration of change in current use: M.G.L. Chapter 21: Section 2F requires that DCR create a Resource Management Plan for all parks in the Commonwealth, which “shall include guidelines for operations and land stewardship, provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources, and ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection, and sustainable forest management.” Yet, no such plan exists for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Before any expansion of bike use in the Fells can be considered, it is critical that this requirement for a Resource Management Plan be complied with, to ensure that any changes in use of the Fells fits within the overall management plan, and is part of an overall DCR vision for the Fells. To implement changes in a haphazard fashion, as a result of

pressure from single-user interest groups, is not an acceptable and proper mechanism for management of public parkland.

- No user groups needs should be primary: The efforts of mountain bike advocates to expand the use of mountain biking in the Middlesex Fells, speaks to a need for fundamental consideration of the purpose of public parkland in Massachusetts, and DCR's role. Public pressure and lobbying by a single issue user-group, which already has reasonable access to public parkland, should not be considered as a primary or sufficient grounds for consideration and acquiescence to the demands of such a group – particularly when a user group has demonstrated (as mountain bikers have) an inability to abide by the current rules and regulations. The guiding principle for DCR and public officials should be that that the public park land of Massachusetts is operated in the best interests of all the people, and is true to the mission of DCR: “To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources.”

- It's About Conservation and Recreation: It is critical to recognize that while some users view our public parks simply as recreational outlets, that is not their sole purpose. The name of DCR is the “Department of Conservation and Recreation”. Not only is conservation a primary element of DCR's mission, but as in the title of the department, conservation should come before recreation.

Decisions regarding use of public parkland should not be determined by who shouts the loudest, gets the most people to public meetings, or creates the greatest political pressures. These decisions should be made based on what is going to be most true to DCR's mission, and will result preservation of parkland, and allow it to be enjoyed by all in a respectful manner.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

David Hoff
[REDACTED] Melrose, MA 02176

From: Andrew McIlvaine [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please Support Orienteering in the Middlesex Fells

November 18, 2010

Middlesex Fells Trail Comments
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I write to express my earnest hope that the Middlesex Fells Reservation will continue to welcome orienteering events organized by area non-profit orienteering groups.

My family and I love the Fells. We consider it our back yard park, and visit its many sections during all four seasons. We also have appreciated and enjoyed the orienteering events put on there by the New England Orienteering Club and Cambridge Sports Union.

As you may know, orienteering is a compass and map navigation sport. Orienteers travel by foot on-trail and off-trail to find flagged control points placed around a well mapped setting. The sport teaches map reading and use skills, confidence, independence, appreciation of our public parks and reservations, and is great exercise. Groups like the New England Orienteering Club (of which I am most familiar) exist to promote these goals while facilitating orienteering events. The events are open to the public, and offer no-charge basic compass and map reading training to all at all events. The events and its members clean up after themselves, leaving less of an environmental and trash footprint in the park than that of a single family picnic. Its orienteering events, including the courses which teach off-trail navigation, have no measurably negative impact on the Fells, and indeed is a part of why the Fells is such a public treasure.

Please do not end the tradition of non-profit sponsored orienteering in the Middlesex Fells Reservation. It would be a loss to our state as well as those who love the Fells and the outdoors. I can not strongly enough encourage you to please add "orienteering" as a secondary use allowed under "Section 2.8, Current Uses," and allow organized orienteering to continue to be a vital part of the Fells. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Andrew S. McIlvaine

Andrew S. McIlvaine
[REDACTED] Cambridge, MA 02138

From: Gael [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:57 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Fells Trail Comments/ Rich and Gael Motz /Medford

TO: DCR - Fells Trails Plan Comments

FR: Gael and Richard Motz, Medford

We are Medford residents who have walked and hiked in the Fells for 20+ years with family & friends and we have always enjoyed this great

parkland. Over the past few years we have watched with dismay as more and more mountain bikers; riding off the roads, up on the high rock trails, riding in the winter, riding at night and we wonder why DCR does not enforce the rules & regulations that are posted for bike use?

This park is being ruined by the rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are badly eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled. Near our home, we see the bike groups meet and access the Fells from the Flynn rink; they have created trails where none existed before, and they have made the old trails 10 feet wide where they used to be little foot paths. They show no respect for the walkers, and the rules.

We insist that you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

We expect and deserve to be part of the process of caring for and enjoying the Fells. Please make sure we are part of this park. We help with cleanups, and trail marking and offer nature hikes. We don't just race through the Fells. DCR should not give it away to one group and damage it beyond reclamation for all others.

Thank you for your attention.
Rich & Gael Motz

From: David Mussina [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:04 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trail Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a Medford resident I make frequent use of the Middlesex Fells. Over the years I have seen the erosive impact of mountain biking on the walking trails within this important reserve. It is not just the widening of the trails, but also with this widening the cutting of trees follow so bikers can travel on these trail edges. I am not against mountain mountain biking in the Fells, but the use of this recreation needs to be limited and regulated. Also, there need to be trails where people can walk without being surprised or possibly injured by the sudden appearance of someone on a bike. A comprehensive study of the Middlesex Fells and all its users needs to take place before a Trail Plan should be announced.

Sincerely,
David Mussina

From: Jeff Berlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:23 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on DCR Fells Trail System Plan

To Mass. DCR:

After reviewing the draft of the Fells Trails System Plan, I enthusiastically applaud the hard work and effort undertaken by the Massachusetts DCR. This plan proposes visionary, logical and practical changes that will help protect precious flora and fauna by closing redundant or illegal trails, while allowing shared recreational opportunities to the diverse users of this urban oasis. The plan should be implemented as quickly as possible to reverse current damage, and begin the process of recovery and restoration through much improved trail management and maintenance.

I live adjacent to the Whip Hill section of the Fells. There is no greater joy than hiking with my 6 year old, introducing her to the bounty of the wilderness, and sharing her excitement when we spot frogs, snakes, owls, wild turkeys and occasional fox.

Specific issues: A continuous trail around Spot Pond has amazing potential. What a sublime hike or jog such a trail would afford! It would surely draw many walkers away from Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, a heavily used walk despite no lakefront views or access on its' West bank.

Regarding the "Spider Web" of trails north of Dark Hollow pond, these rouge trails were created by male "cruisers" who use the area for anonymous sex. They can be seen meandering around these trails, often unclothed. Closing off that maze of trails and directing bike and foot traffic through the area may encourage the "cruisers" to go elsewhere. My concern is for children. When visiting the Fells, parents shouldn't have to worry their kids may see naked men – or worse witness a sexual encounter. Why the Friends of the Fells would protest granting mountain bikers access to this area is inexplicable, given the presence of bicyclists in this section could have a more positive impact than any other section of the Fells.

I visit the Fells on foot, bicycle, and on cross country skis when there's enough snow. I do not have a dog. I'm uplifted by the prospect of more equitable access on my mountain bike, as I've always felt confined to a tiny fraction of the available trails. I ride quietly, usually slowly (averaging 5 or 6 mph), and only during low impact conditions (never when muddy), and hope to soon be exploring more trails this way. I also look forward to helping out on trail maintenance and cleanup days.

Thanks for reading my comments, and for a job extremely well done on the 2010 Trail System Plan !

Best regards,

Jeff Berlin
[REDACTED] Melrose, MA 02176

From: Kourtz Dave [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:20 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Opinion

1. I think the number of miles of authorized trails is sufficient.
2. I think the bigger issue is safety. I've had a number of times, when walking the trail to have to suddenly jump aside for a silent biker on an unauthorized trail.
Bikers do not have any required 'sound making device'. Bikers do not self-police.

The Fells is big enough for all, but more biker use will drive out trail walking and families with smaller children, because of the increased safety issues.

Dave
Kourtz

[REDACTED] melrose

From: susan fairchild [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:31 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Plea from a regular Fells hiker

I am sending this note to ask the Fellstrail group to please delay making any changes to the Trails policies until a "Resource Management Plan" (RMP) is completed. The RMP will consider all the ecological and recreational aspects of the Fells, and provide a way to carefully protect this irreplaceable open space from permanent harm or destruction. This is a simple, logical and reasonable request and will prevent damage to the Fells.

Thank you very much for considering the requests from the current users.

Susan Fairchild
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Rachel Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:49 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comments on middlesex fells trail plan
Attachments: Fells letter.pdf

Hello,

The attached was mailed to you but in the event it does not arrive today I wanted to email this before comment period closes.

Thank you,
Rachel

Fells Trail Comments
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA, 01060
November 17, 2010
To the Massachusetts DCR:

We are residents of Somerville who frequently use the Middlesex Fells for recreational purposes, and we write concerning the DCR Draft Plan. We feel that the plan generally makes great progress in both promoting and protecting the reservation, per the aims of DCR.

Our main use of the Fells is mountain biking, although we also sometimes hike/run and cross-country ski in the winter. We believe the proposed steps outlined in the Draft help to improve equitable access to the Fells. There are numerous public lands in Massachusetts and elsewhere where cyclists and walkers, among others, coexist peacefully on the same trails. We have never heard a convincing reason why this could not be the case at the Fells. While the Draft plan does not make all trails open access, it is a vast improvement over the status quo by allowing immediate access to the orange line alongside the potential for more cycling access in the future. We strongly support these measures. They will not only enhance our lives immediately, but they have important repercussions for communal welfare. Cycling – and mountain biking in particular – is a sport that many people find incredibly uplifting, which results in wanting to do it as frequently as possible. The benefits of promoting exercise that people will naturally seek out for the sheer pleasure of it cannot be overstated. This also fits well within your management goals to increase provision of natural resources and recreation to the public, as outlined in Section 3.

We also commend you on your efforts to analyze the best characterization of what the Fells is and what it can potentially offer, as you have done in Section 3. We believe it is important, as you have done, to evaluate Fells usage in the context of its status as urban park, rather than as a piece of wilderness, as some user groups would prefer. Wilderness is a wonderful thing, but when there is only one park the size of the Fells that is close to multiple communities in the northern greater Boston area, it is not in the public interest to strive for wilderness in that park. The better use is to provide the greatest access to the greatest number of reasonable uses. If there is one part of Section 3 about which we are critical, it is to delineate too rigidly between various uses and what enhances/undermines them. To take the example we are most familiar with, while a hiker's ideal may be to hike without having to move for bicycles, and a cyclist's ideal may be to ride without having to slow down for hikers, it is not necessarily the job of urban park management to provide those ideals. The answer, in an urban park, is probably not to cordon off sections for each group but to allow sufficient access so that each group is able to get a very good – if not always perfect – experience most of the time. In the same vein, we do not support staggered opening times for certain recreational groups. It would inevitably be confusing,

and we do not believe it is necessary. An urban park is not the place to expect a perfect wilderness experience (nor is it a mountain bike park), but it is the place for as much of the public as possible to enjoy the nature and trails that are available.

Finally, thank you for involving the community in this process and for seeking our input.

We hope that you enact the Draft Plan as soon as is practicable and look forward to enjoying the Fells for years to come.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rachel Brown & Ethan Parsons

From: Stephanie Leonard Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 9:40 AM
To: Fellstrail Comments
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Please Protect the Middlesex Fells

As a frequent hiker in the Middlesex Fells, I need to share with you my concern about the threat of increasing bike traffic on its trails. I see about as many bikers as hikers in the Fells now, and just as often on trails not designated for bike use. I can't count the times that friends and I have had to jump out of the path of a speeding bikers, often as they come over hills or around corners, catching us off-guard. I'm a fairly fit senior citizen, able to move fast enough so far to avoid injury. But I imagine that those who can't move so fast -- the elderly and those with small children -- are being driven out of the Fells after a close call or two on 'hiking only' trails.

I grew up in the small town of Cheshire, in Berkshire County, and spent my childhood playing in the woods. I was delighted to find the wonderful nature preserve that is the Middlesex Fells Reservation here, so close to Boston and its surrounding suburban sprawl. It's great that families and children in this area can experience nature so close to home. Changing the trail system to accommodate more bikers will be harmful not only to those of us who travel slowly through the reservation, but also to the flora and fauna that we take the time to appreciate.

Please don't destroy this reservation in order to accommodate more bikers. They may be an organized, vocal and well-funded user group, but they obviously care only about their own sport, and little about other users or the natural habitat that the Middlesex Fells was created to preserve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Leonard Bennett

[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Adam Glick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 9:46 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Jahnige Paul
Subject: GB NEMBA Middlesex Fells Draft Trails Plan Comments
Attachments: GB NEMBA Fells Draft Plan Comments 20101118.pdf; ATT00002.txt

Hi Paul,

Attached please find our official comments on the Middlesex Fells Draft Trails Plan.

18 November, 2010

Paul Jahnige Director, Greenways and Trails Program Massachusetts Department of
Conservation and Recreation
136 Damon Rd Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Director Jahnige,

The Greater Boston Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (GBNEMBA) thanks the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for managing the trails planning process and allowing us to provide comment. The mountain bike community has a strong connection to the Middlesex Fells Reservation and has waited for over a quarter of a century for the DCR to engage in a study of the trail situation in the Fells. We are pleased that you have come up with a plan that addresses long-standing problems in the Fells. It is a plan that has been designed to enhance the outdoor experience of all of the Fells' users and bring an end to the deterioration of the Fells' trails. Furthermore, mountain bicyclists have endured a quarter century of discrimination due to arbitrary and overly restrictive trail policies applied only to bicycling. We applaud DCR's attempt to reverse this fundamental inequity and bring it closer to the policies found in other DCR parks.

We urge DCR to approve the final Trails Plan as soon as possible. While supporting the need to undertake a full Resource Management Plan, we are strongly opposed to delaying the Trails Plan. As part of the Fells Trail Plan, the DCR has already researched and documented the key ecological, cultural, historical and social features of the Middlesex Fells. Using DCR's new Trail Planning Guidelines and Best Practices Manual, the resulting Draft Trails Plan for the Fells is the most complete tool DCR has ever used in planning and managing their trail and natural resources. It is a model that can be used at any of the 200 properties under DCR's stewardship. It represents a complete resource management tool for trails, and it will become an integral part of any future Resource Management Planning process.

The Sierra Club's and MA Audubon's call to halt the public process and derail the Trails Plan is an attempt to stall the process indefinitely. To date, neither organization has publicly specified what they dislike about the Trail Plan – their strategy is to stall by derailing the public process. We urge the DCR not to succumb to this pressure and to enact

the Trail Plan as soon as possible. Moreover, we urge DCR to implement the Trails Plan before the end of 2010, especially the change relative to the seasonal closure of cycling. We respectfully submit the following specific comments on the trails plan.

Section 6.1 Reduce the Extent and Confusion within the Trail System.

NEMBA supports all parts of this recommendation. However, we are concerned about how a “no net gain” guideline would be managed. We agree with the intent to hold stakeholder groups accountable for meeting this goal but our concern is that groups opposed to any improvements in the Fells would use this caveat to bog down the system by opposing closures. If a “no net gain” guideline is implemented then there needs to be a clear process that cannot be politicized.

Section 6.2 Maintain, Improve and Close Trails in Cooperation with Stewardship Partners.

NEMBA supports this recommendation. There are three additional points that we feel should be highlighted in this document.

The DCR will be responsible for setting the priorities that will be followed by the Stewardship partners on an annual basis. The annual work plans submitted by the stewardship partners will need to be detailed and the DCR will be responsible for coordinating the trail work effort through these work plans.

The DCR should mention that the standards to be followed are contained in the “DCR Trail Guidelines and Best Practices Manual” (This is in the sample MOA but not in the Trails Plan).

A provision for accountability should be added to assure that the stewardship partners are meeting the standards determined by the DCR (This is missing in the MOA and the Trails Plan).

Section 6.3 Improve Trail System Maps and Signage.

Currently, the map of the Fells is controlled by a single stakeholder that is hostile to other trail users and hostile to the DCR — this needs to be avoided in the future. The DCR should maintain control of the production and distribution of the map and this should be stated in the Trails Plan. The development of a use-specific map for mountain bikers (or other users) is something we do not support. Creating a separate map has the effect of calling out mountain biking as a “special use” when it is not. It is a legitimate use and should be normalized within the context of the printed maps. We support all other items in this section.

Section 6.4 Protect Sensitive Resources.

Educate all users about ecological impacts of trail use

NEMBA supports this. Education materials should reinforce that all trail users have equal impact. Special emphasis should be placed on use of trails when wet and soft conditions are in effect as these are when trails are most sensitive. DCR should actively discourage use of the trails in these conditions by all users. Trails in habitually wet areas should be identified and closed or re-routed as part of efforts under section 6.2.

Protect Water Supplies and Wetland Resources

Change in the seasonal closure is welcome. However, NEMBA strongly objects to Mountain Biking being singled out. DCR has already stated that mountain biking and foot traffic have the same impact on trails previously in this Trails Plan. Any traffic on soft trails causes harm during mud season. The current language implies that hiking is OK on soft trails.

The language should be changed to: "Post and enforce a seasonal closure for all trail users at the Fells during "mud season" (March 1 to March 31) which may be adjusted by the land manager if soft conditions persist."

Protect Certified and Potential Vernal Pools.

NEMBA supports all items under this subsection. It should be noted that the final sub-item "Maintain trails to prevent deep ruts and mud holes that may falsely attract breeding vertebrates," should ultimately be a non-issue: trails with those conditions should be closed, re-routed or if deemed necessary use bridging or boardwalks to protect the wet areas.

Protect rare and endangered species and their habitats.

NEMBA supports all items under this subsection.

Minimize Impacts to Priority Natural Communities (PNC).

NEMBA supports all items under this subsection. We believe that efforts under this subsection will have significant positive ecological benefit to the Fells.

Reduce Disturbance to Flora and Fauna.

NEMBA supports all items under this subsection. NEMBA encourages DCR to address early-evening, after dark use in the fall and winter as daylight decreases (but the need for exercise for all of the Fells' users doesn't!).

Protect Sensitive Cultural Resources.

NEMBA supports this sub-item.

Section 6.5 Enhance Parking and Access

Evaluate, through the Resource Management Plan (RMP) process, options for a day use fee at the Sheepfold.

NEMBA supports this being evaluated during the RMP.

Work in partnership neighboring land owners to formalize parking areas and trailheads at in the Bear Hill area and at the former Boston Regional Medical Center site.

NEMBA supports this and notes the following: Insert the word "with" between "partnership" and "neighboring."

Enhance parking at pullouts along South Border Road.

NEMBA supports this.

Evaluate, through the RMP process, the creation of a new "all persons trail" connecting Flynn Rink Parking area to the trail network near Quarter Mile Pond.

NEMBA supports this. Historically, a request was made to the mountain biking community to take advantage of the parking at the Flynn Rink lot. This was done but created the additional issue of access to the western side of the Fells. This trail solves that. At the

request of the DCR, NEMBA expended significant resources to plan and secure grant funding for this project. This project has been stalled by opposition from the Friends of the Fells and is in danger of losing funding because of this delay.

Section 6.6 Enhance User Education, Information and Self-Enforcement
NEMBA strongly supports section 6.6.

Section 6.7 Enhance Enforcement of Trail Rules and Etiquette
NEMBA supports enhanced enforcement and appreciates the DCR's desire to apply this enforcement in an equitable way by not targeting any one user group. NEMBA supports engaging state or local law enforcement in an enhanced capacity to help remedy problems in specific areas such as Dark Hollow Pond.

Section 6.8 Improve the Pedestrian Trail User Experience.
These recommendations suggest that the only way to improve the pedestrian trail user experience is to set aside trails for their exclusive use. Multi-use trails help to meet goal number 4 "Provide opportunities for individuals, families, groups and communities to strengthen their social bonds through interaction with nature and recreational activities". Almost all users at the Fells interact with one another in an appropriate way and the social bonds that are created through common experience are valuable to the trail community. The creation of exclusive-use trails only serves to reinforce the anti-social behavior of a select few (but vocal) users. Their social dysfunctions should not be made the standard for the community. The best ways to improve the Pedestrian Trail User experience are to repair the existing trails and to disperse use by creating more multi-use trail loops around the Fells.

Maintain, promote, and enforce "hiking only" trails within the Middlesex Fells trail system, including, as a priority, the Skyline and Rock Circuit trails.
NEMBA does not support this as articulated. The Fells, like every other DCR-managed park, is fully capable of supporting a shared-use trail system. The "exclusivity" concept promulgated by an elitist few is in opposition to the rights and user experiences at almost every other DCR-managed park. The goal for the Fells should be to evaluate shared-use for all trails on an ongoing basis. The Skyline trail, in particular, is an extremely technical trail for hikers as well as bikers. It is mostly rock. Few users are found on its outer sections. Users of it aren't moving quickly - even riders who use it must move slowly due to its technical nature. Advanced hikers and advanced bikers are the most sophisticated and seasoned trail users, and we believe that they can share this trail harmoniously. For those mountain bikers who have been riding the Fells for many years, the Skyline Trail is their most preferred trail. This is the only trail that meets the needs of serious, expert riders and serious, expert hikers. It can fully support shared-use and we strongly urge DCR to keep the option for shared-use of the Skyline trail as part of the RMP process. We propose that this trail should be open on a two-year, trial basis to determine its viability as a shared-use trail.

Designate Virginia Wood as a "pedestrian only" section of the Fells.
NEMBA does not support this. There are three significant problems with this proposed change. First, abutting park users (i.e. Melrose and Stoneham residents) who are riders

would then be prevented from entering the Fells by bike. That is fundamentally unfair. Second, designating it as pedestrian-only prevents the option of completing a full circuit loop of the Fells by bike. Third, it creates a significant safety issue as bicyclists would be forced out onto busy roadways with no bike lanes or marked crossings.

Work with mountain biking stakeholders, such as NEMBA, to educate and encourage their members to self-enforce no biking on “hiking only” trails. NEMBA actively educates its members to follow trail rules. NEMBA strongly encourages DCR to re-evaluate exclusive-use trails at the Fells.

Evaluate, through the RMP process, options for separating uses by times or days. We believe that this approach is in opposition to principal number 10 “Favor light-handed management” listed as a way to manage conflict on multi-use trails.

Separate overlapping segments and the number of intersections of the Skyline, Reservoir and Mountain Bike Loop trails if possible. NEMBA supports this. Institute and promote the “yield triangle” NEMBA supports this.

Section 6.9 Improve the Mountain Biking Trail User Experience

NEMBA supports section 6.9 as noted:

Implement the Dark Hollow trail proposal.

NEMBA strongly supports this. DCR has previously approved (April 2009) a plan submitted by NEMBA which we request be reviewed for implementation. NEMBA will provide resources and expertise as needed for implementation.

Designate the Reservoir (Orange) Trail as a multi-use trail.

NEMBA strongly supports this. NEMBA will provide resources and expertise as needed for maintenance and improvements.

Evaluate, through the RMP process, designating all or some portions of the Cross Fells and Crystal Springs Trails as a multi-use trails.

NEMBA strongly supports this. Additional legal singletrack supports creation of additional marked loops, disperses users and reduces overall impact.

Work with stakeholders, such as the FOF, to encourage their members to be respectful of mountain bikers in the Fells.

NEMBA strongly supports this.

Section 6.10 Provide Positive Experiences for Dog-Owners and Their Pets

NEMBA supports this and all sub items of section 6.10.

Section 6.10 Recommendations Summary Table

Note: this should be numbered Section 6.11 in the Draft Trails Document as 6.10 is “Provide Positive Experiences for Dog-Owners and Their Pets”

At this point, the proposed implementation timetable obviously needs adjusting. NEMBA strongly encourages DCR to at least implement the new Winter Closure policy before the end of the year.

Also, the timetable incorrectly lists the dates for Winter Closure being March 1 – April 15, which is inconsistent with the dates previously stated in the plan.

Under the Dark Hollow Pond section, “Hire consultants” is listed. Who? NEMBA was already engaged and created the DCR-approved plan for new sustainable routes through this area.

Under “Host Trail User Etiquette Workshop” section: this should clearly list all user groups, including Friends of the Fells.

Section 2.8 Current Uses

Paragraphs 4 and 5 reference use-data that was compiled through a non-random, on-line survey conducted by a volunteer of the Friends of the Fells. It is a fact that the Friends of the Fells are an organization with a strong anti-mountain bike bias with respect to trail use and we question the validity of the results being presented and question the methods used. The numbers just don’t seem accurate. The DCR should conduct an independent survey to record this information in an unbiased and controlled way or this information should be excluded from the report.

Section 2.9 User Attitudes and Behaviors

Bullet Point “Off-Trail Use”. We request that the statement “bikers free-riding” be changed to “bikers riding off-trail”. The term free-riding is a term frequently used in the mountain bike community to describe a style of riding that includes riding technically challenging trails with natural and man-made features. The term is being used incorrectly in this report and implies that free-riding is an off trail activity.

Section 2.10 User Conflicts

We are pleased to see the inclusion of the 12 principles for minimizing conflicts on multi-use trails. These are solid, common sense suggestions that are non-partisan.

Section 3.1 Trail System Management Goals

These goals are excellent and make a strong foundation for the remainder of the report. We recommend that the goals be numbered for easier reference (our comments will assume that these goals are numbered sequentially).

Section 3.1 Second Paragraph “Objectives”

We are supportive of the three stated objectives and believe that they support the stated goals. We would recommend a fourth objective “Provide an environment that allows diverse groups of people to interact and build positive common experiences”. This objective would support goal number 4, “Provide opportunities for individuals, families, groups and communities to strengthen their social bonds through interaction with nature and recreational activities”.

Section 3.3 Access Points and Connections.

It should be referenced that the MDC tried to control use by restricting access. Restrictions on parking on South Border Road were an attempt to limit mountain biking and closing the parking lot at Bear Hill was an attempt to stop illegitimate sexual activity in the Dark Hollow Pond area. We feel the policy of restricting access was not successful and the trails plan should mark a new direction for access and parking.

Section 3.3 Paragraph 6 "Flynn Rink".

The report should reflect that the DCR requested that NEMBA use the Flynn Rink parking area and try to influence mountain bikers to park there to ease congestion at South Border Road and Sheepfold.

Section 3.4 Mountain biking on a variety of types and difficulties of trails and terrain.

We don't believe that there is a specific amount of mileage that is required to provide an adequate trail system for mountain biking. The amount of trail mileage required is variable based on a number of factors including: number of users served, variety of terrain, users' expectations and capabilities. Although we agree that the Fells is not an appropriate place for off-trail riding opportunities, we believe there is an opportunity for expert trails and extensive advanced trail mileage.

Section 5.3 New England Mountain Bike(ing) Association

Please note that our organization is incorrectly named. Our correct name is "New England Mountain Bike Association" (not "Biking"). We currently have 19 chapters across New England, not 17 as stated in the draft.

In conclusion, NEMBA finds DCR's Draft Trails Plan for the Middlesex Fells to be balanced and rational overall. DCR deserves great credit for running an open, inclusive process and persevering with stakeholders holding strong convictions. The Fells needs this plan. All user groups benefit from it. We urge DCR not to delay implementation of the Trails Plan while waiting on completion of a full RMP. Thank you, DCR, for your good work!

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Glick, President Greater Boston Chapter New England Mountain Bike Association

From: Keith Hopper [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: DCR Plans for Middlesex Fells Reservation

I have been a resident of Medford and surrounding towns for over twenty years. For the past seven years I have been an extremely active user of the Middlesex Fells. I am a hiker and trail runner and I visit the fells 1-4 times per week, year round. I have seen a steady decline in the amount of wildlife and an increase in destruction to the trails and surrounding forest directly caused by mountain bikes. I have seen increasingly flagrant

violation of the rules for mountain bike trail usage - most notably on the reservoir trail, which frankly has become unsafe to walk on due to the sheer volume and speed of many mountain bike riders. Over the years of my visiting the fells, I have slowly and consistently receded from using the most heavily bike trafficked trails - particularly during peak seasons in the spring and fall due to the danger of being a pedestrian - and have now lost access to the entirety of the west side.

I visit every square inch of the fells, from the birdwatching swamp trails of Lawrence Woods to the rushing cascades in the spring, to the old stone chimney in Virginia Woods to Whip Hill Park. I rely heavily on the use of non-mountain biking trails and have encountered frustration to no end by destructive mountain bikers who flagrantly use trails that are clearly marked for no mountain biking. I have witnessed at least six "no biking" signs that have been illegally removed. I have seen man made rock dams built to block several brooks and streams to permit mountain bike access on illegal trails. I have seen dozens of destructive turnouts and cutoffs created by bikers over the years. I regularly witness trails and foliage torn up by bike treads during the illegal offseason. Many of the trails and parking lots are routinely littered with forgotten or unnoticed reflectors, bottles, pumps, food wrappers and clothing strewn about the most heavily trafficked trails.

Most notably, I have weekly encounters with speeding mountain bikes that have been scary and dangerous. On several of these occasions I've been physically forced off the paths by speeding mountain bikers - many of whom travel in packs of five or more. To their credit, I'm sure their harm is unintentional, but their high speeds on illegal single-track trails make this risk unavoidable. My only choice has been to stop using trails that they frequent and in some cases, avoid the fells entirely on the weekends.

I beg the DCR to continue to restrict areas of the fells and times of year for mountain bike use and to retain fines and introduce an enforcement policy and clear markings for what is permissible and what is off-limits.

Keith Hopper
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Bob Weggel [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:16 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: The Fells should remain a RESERVATION
Attachments: P1000823.JPG; P1000834.JPG; P1000837.JPG

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

Over the past several years I have invested many hundreds of hours in attempting to preserve and enhance the Middlesex Fells Reservation. My work—with authorization by DCR rangers Peter Luongo, Tony Guthro and/or Mike Nelson--has included picking up approximately half a ton of trash and dog poop; refreshing trail blazes; erecting trail signs;

removing blowdowns and widowmakers; trimming brush to maintain a corridor width of 4' and height of 8'; and grubbing out invasive species, especially garlic mustard, bittersweet and rosa multiflora. I've also led many hikes and led or joined several Park Day work crews. My labor has left a legacy of steppingstones, stone waterdams and stone steps (see attached pictures) to improve muddy stretches of trail and to retard erosion. You must admire my stonework, because your September 20th PowerPoint presentation at the McGlynn School featured it prominently in at least one slide.

Your position as director of Greenways and Trails calls upon you to do all in your power to protect and preserve the lands entrusted to your care. It therefore distresses me immensely that your proposed Trail Plan threatens to open even further the Middlesex Fells Reservation to the ravages of mountain bicycling. The Middlesex Fells is a "RESERVATION", not a "Recreational Park", let alone a "Bicycle Playground". Bicycles are VEHICLES—human-powered, admittedly, but vehicles nonetheless. They are no more appropriate in a Reservation than would be an automobile on a sidewalk. I urge you to limit bicycle usage in the Fells exclusively to fire roads and a Bicycle Loop so configured as to avoid interaction with those on foot. "Multi-use" is a myth; the incompatibilities are manifold. I also urge you to institute ENFORCEMENT of the prohibition of biking on hiking trails—enforcement to combat such violations as the uprooting of the trail-marker posts on Dike Road at its intersections with the Skyline Trail and the Reservoir Trail. The obliteration of the "No Biking" text on the signs suggests the identity of the culprits.

Future generations deserve a Fells not destroyed by bicycles,

Bob Weggel

From: Grimble, Tom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:06 AM
To: fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Fells Trail Plan Comments
Attachments: image001.jpg

Paul,

I am writing to submit my comments on the Middlesex Fells Trail Plan. I want to thank the DCR for addressing the need for a change in mountain bike policy. It has not been easy for you or for the rest of the DCR but you have done an excellent job of keeping the process fair and open to all who want to be heard. It is unfortunate that those who oppose mountain biking have chosen to criticize the trails planning process instead of communicating their true concerns. It is unfair to the people at the DCR who have put together a very complete document. Naturally, I completely endorse the official comments soon to be submitted by NEMBA. For the purpose of creating a tally I will include the following:

Section 6.1 – I support a reduction in trail inventory but am concerned that “no net gain” is a policy that will become politicized.

Section 6.2 – I support this recommendation and pledge my own personal commitment. The DCR needs to remain in control and the language could strengthen that.

Section 6.3 – I support better signage and you have a very clear vision. I support one map that is not controlled by any one user. Use specific maps create a element of segregation that I do not think is appropriate.

Section 6.4 – I support protecting sensitive habitat but think the recommendation for winter closure does not go far enough. The changes to the time frame is good but singling out mountain bikers is unfair and less effective than making a universal policy.

Section 6.5 – I support better access and parking. This signals a welcome change in policy at the Fells. The old policy was to restrict use by restricting parking. It should be noted that NEMBA has spent a lot of time and effort to secure a grant for the Quarter Mile Pond all persons trail at the request of the DCR. This was not our idea but we were happy to help. We have a letter granting us permission to do the work and this has been put on hold because of objections by the Friends of the Fells. The grant money and our reputation is at risk.

Section 6.6 – I support this recommendation.

Section 6.7 – I support enhanced enforcement and appreciate that you propose to apply it equitably to all users and not target mountain bikers.

Section 6.8 – As a hiker I support enhancing the hiking experience but I do not support the recommendations made in this section. There are many things that can be done to enhance the hiking experience beyond banning bikes and creating solitude. As a society we have more to gain by interacting with one another than we do by separating ourselves. Common experiences build mutual respect. We need more positive common experiences not less. The skyline trail is critical to mountain bikers as the premier advanced trail. Closing Virginia Wood to bikes prevents bikes from circumnavigating the park and prevents cyclists who live in that area from accessing the park.

Section 6.9 – I support these recommendations.

Section 6.10 – Just when you thought you had tackled the tough problem (bikes) you find a potentially bigger user group to deal with. Personally, I have a problem with dogs off-leash because my daughter is terrified of dogs and reacts irrationally in their presence. However, dog walkers are a major user and their needs should be considered. If there are trails or areas that are designated as off-leash, I can avoid those areas when necessary. The DCR needs to do more work to solve this issue but you are headed in the right direction and I am completely willing to support an off-leash policy, despite the personal inconvenience it may cause me, if it is the right thing to do to meet the recreational demands of the people who

use the park. In short, this park is for the whole community and we need to compromise to find ways that all can use it while conserving the natural resource.

The Fells is a great resource. We need to encourage people to use it, not prevent them from using it.

Thomas Grimble, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Senior Associate
Director of Operations

From: Butler, Samantha [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us; mass.parks@state.ma.us
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: save the fells, do not pass the plan to convert the fells to a mt bike park

To Whom it may concern,

I am concerned that DCR is planning to convert the Fells Reservation into a mountain bike park. Please help stop this plan. I do not want the nature of the Fells be lost! Reframing the Fells Trails as an "urban recreation park" will destroy the little nature that is available. The biodiversity of birds, wildlife and plants will be threatened. This would change the Reservation forever. Natural features will be destroyed. Most importantly to me, visitors' ability to safely and quietly enjoy nature will be jeopardized. I have on several occasions as a peaceful hiker been hit and injured by bikers in the Fells. It is impossible to share trails between hikers and bikers who are moving so fast and reckless on thin trails through the woods. I now enjoy hiking on trails in the Fells specifically marked for pedestrians only with my two infant boys. This will be impossible with a change in the Fells to a mountain bike park. This is just outrageous. Someone will be hurt and possibly killed if this is passed.

I demand that the Fells Trails System Plan remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway. Please do not allow any significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use. At least allow the RMP process is completed.

Sincerely,

Samantha
Samantha Butler Ph.D.
Developmental and Clinical Psychologist
Department of Psychiatry
Children's Hospital Boston

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:03 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Internet Petition, Fells Draft trail Plan
Attachments: Letter NEMBA Petition.doc

(Also attached as a Word File)

Hubert E. Holley
[REDACTED] Malden MA 02148

November 19, 2010

Fells Trails Plan
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060
Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
cc: friends@fells.org
Re: Internet Petition, Fells Draft trail Plan

Mr. Jahnige,

As you are probably aware, the New England Mountain Bike Association has conducted an Internet petition drive on its Greater Boston chapter site. The site is <http://www.gbnemba.org/fellscomments> <<http://www.gbnemba.org/fellscomments>> .

Because of this club's association with the international biking community through the International Mountain Biking Association and international and national Internet bike retailers, this petition is being supported by persons totally unfamiliar with the Fells and the issues associated with the Draft Trail Plan. Indeed, the note on NEMBA's home page (<http://www.nemba.org/>), "Please take a few moments to voice your support..." clearly solicits uninformed "clicks."

It is essentially twenty-first century ballot stuffing and should be dismissed as not representative of Fells' stakeholders. 'Clickers' simply should not be counted.

DCR must realize that should this petition be given any weight, in the following Resource Management Plan process, those organizations having views differing from biking clubs, will likely employ the same tactic. Make sure you have sufficient server capacity.

NEMBA's online petition is not representative of the opinions of the majority of Fells users and should not be given any weight in your decision making process.

Hubert E. Holley

From: amber frame [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:12 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Resource Management Plan needed for Fells

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to urge the DCR to undertake a full Resource Management Plan before allowing any increased biking access in the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The Fells is first and foremost a home and sanctuary for countless species, a number of which are rare, and it is our obligation, having provided this home, to maintain it. But the Fells has also always been a sanctuary for people as well, as a place to learn about and enjoy nature, and to escape the bustle of the city. Allowing the Fells to become a biking park not only destroys species' habitats and compromises the enjoyment of the park for non-bikers, it stands against the original intent of the makers of the reservation, who wished to provide opportunity for quiet reconnection with the natural world. These opportunities are becoming more and more rare these days. Please allow this one to continue.

Thank you,

Amber Frame

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: cambia davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:

Please don't not allow mountain bicycles to ruin the Middlesex Fells for walkers, wildlife and plants by approving the increased use of all trails for these bikes. Do not reclassify the Fells as an Urban Use Park for unlimited use by Mountain bikers whose wheels tear up the trails and create rampant erosion! Some of these bikers say they care about the future of the Fells but most do not seem to.

Thank you,

Cambia Davis
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Jeannette Chechile [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:29 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: protect our woods

To the DCR:

I am writing on behalf of myself, my family of four, and the abutters from the area around Ronaele Rd. on the Whitmore Brook, Medford, Ma. My family has lived here for thirty-five years. We are very concerned in the changes that have occurred in the nearby woods.

"Natural changes", affected by excessive amounts of water (perhaps related to the Winchester reservoir) permitted down the "horsetrail" which then flows into the now present watershed of the woods has caused enormous trees (60-80 years old) to die and snap in half. Trees that old would never have grown there if the amounts of water had been in that part of the woods over the past history of the Whitmore area. Our woods needs protection and what one person does in another part of the woods affects other parts of the woods.

Another example would be the fact that there use to be huge blackberry bushes in the woods and by the trails, and now with the expanded use of the trails, and widening, there are no more blackberry bushes.

Now to the point of biking. As a biker, I see the damage that can be done by tires, whether the ground is muddy or not. Foliage, small trees and flowers are crushed and roots are torn apart by the thick dirt tires. Without supervision, bikers would attempt to ride anywhere, once they see others doing it. Just think how difficult it was getting the motorized bikes out of the woods. Regular bikers would take over and no one would stop them as they speed by. Also, how much of nature can one appreciate while speeding along. One could get the same speed enjoyment anywhere. Accident wise, the woods affords many hidden roots, rocks, and holes. Who would come to their aid? Remember what we do in one area affects changes in other area.

THE WOODS NEEDS OUR PROTECTION. If we don't take a stand now, then the woods will not have the treasures that we are gradually realizing it has. Putting our heads together would possibly allow the establishment of a fun park of some nature become a reality, but not at the expense of our precious natural resource, the woods.

On behalf of Nicholas, Alexander, Richard and myself, along with the residences by Whitmore Brook (including Mrs. Bloomburg who has resided here the longest), we submit this plea as well a petition signed earlier last month, to say no to any expansion of open bike trails.

Sincerely,
Jeannette Chechile and friends

From: Micheli, Peter M. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

Please do not make the Fells more bike-friendly and transform it into an "urban recreational park". Do you understand how unbelievably lucky we are to have all of this largely untouched natural acreage in the midst of a densely populated urban area? It should be left as a place primarily to be enjoyed on foot. Honor the foresight of our ancestors and leave it as natural as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Micheli
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Matthew Haberstroh [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:24 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan

Dear Fells Trails Plan coordinators,

I was shocked to hear that the solace and silence of the woods of the Middlesex Fells will be transformed by mountain bike use. I am shocked to find that your plan will entail more mountain bike usage. Have you walked the Fells with mountain bike surging/hustling/pushing you off a trail? Have you seen them jump and carve the trails to destruction?

I have - with children - and it is preposterous that you would let these bikers take over more trails than they already use - they should be restricted as much as possible in the Fells. Just because mountain bikers found a convenient place to ride - doesn't mean they should be allowed - it is entirely beyond what the founders envisioned how the p[ark] was to be used. I strongly urge you to STOP and re-think what you are about to do - changing the nature of the Fells for people who want a good work out is ridiculous!

People in the Fells should be on foot - end of story.

Thank you,

Matt Haberstroh
Karen Johnston
Philip Haberstroh (age 9)
[REDACTED] Medford, A 02155
781-488-5225

From: Karin Turer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:33 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: One more comment if I may

To whom it may concern:

I sent my comments before the FOF mobilized to include the Sierra Club and the MAS in their efforts to keep mountain bikers out of the Fells. So my comments were mainly practical responses about signage and ways for everyone to get along.

The following comment (if you accept more than one comment) is more in response to the misleading e-mails sent out by the FOF. Thank you for your time.

I just want to mention that the Friends of the Fells statement is quite misleading. The Draft Plan, which included extensive research and development, does not "convert the majority of hiking trails to mountain bike use."

It simply allows mountain bikes to have access to some additional trails: the Reservoir Loop, Crystal Springs, and possibly one other (I submitted my comments a while back and have lost some of the finer details).

This would be shared use. Currently hikers have sole access to these trails, and mountain bikes are allowed only on the mountain bike loop and on fire roads.

Just to calm everyone down: I think we can all agree that this past Saturday (11/13/10) was a beautiful day for outdoor recreation. My husband and I left the bikes at home and went for a hike in the Fells. At most - even in the most beautiful weather - we saw 10 mountain bikers, in two hours of hiking. The Fells is an urban-accessible park, with over 3 million people living close by. It is not going to be a pristine solo mountain experience where you see no one else for days - and yet, even in the best of weather, the number of bikers is really minimal...even if you find the idea of people enjoying the outdoors in a different manner than yourself offputting. (frankly, if I were to focus on offputting behaviors in the Fells, I'd concentrate on the teen partying and the illicit "cruising" near Dark Hollow - even as a woman, I do not feel safe in that part of the Fells)

The mountain bike community is also a community that cares about responsible trail building. Included in the Draft Plan are provisions for *reducing* the number of mini-trail offshoots in the Dark Hollow area. This work would be led by NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) volunteers, and would clear up many years' worth of illegal trail use (mainly by illegal male "cruisers", not by bikers) and return that land to its original state. Just a few weeks ago, a group of mountain bikers and other nature lovers worked together in Burlington's Land-Locked Forest to build some bridges over wetlands. This will reduce erosion and will allow more people (hikers and bikers together!) to enjoy this natural area. I just wish we could work together in the Fells just as harmoniously. (story at http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/burlington/2010/10/burlingtons_landlocked_forest.html)

Mountain bikers are not some other species. Many if not most of us are committed to protecting our environment, enjoying non-motorized recreation, are involved in other aspects of green living, and more. My husband and I are active birders and have enjoyed sightings or everything from Common Loons to Great-Horned Owls while riding in the

Fells. Heck, the head of NEMBA is an accomplished avian photographer. We're all interested in protecting the land!

-Karin Turer

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Assurance at Public Meeting

Hubert E. Holley

Malden MA 02148

November 16, 2010

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Re: Assurance at Public Meeting

Mr. Jahnige,

I find it difficult to believe that there is a possibility that parts of the Fells trail Plan may be implemented before the completion of a full Resource Management Plan give the assurance given at the public meeting of September 20th.

At that meeting, DCR's Joseph Orfant said twice, not once, that, "There will be no changes on the ground until a full Resource management Plan is completed."

This was the impression I had when I left the meeting; I more than dismayed that those statements were not true.

Hubert E. Holley

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:44 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Objections to Fells Draft Trail Plan

Attachments: Letter Objections to Draft Plan.doc

Please excuse previous email that omitted the attached document.

(Also attached as a Word document)

Hubert E. Holley

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Re: Objections to Fells Draft Trail Plan

Mr. Jahnige,

While I appreciate the effort put into the creation of Fells Trail System Plan. I feel the process employed to create it is seriously flawed in many major aspects.

Because of inadequate data and false assumptions that the plan is based on, the plan's recommendations are ill conceived and its recommendations should not be enacted.

For example:

The Plan Uses Inadequate Survey Data

The Plan uses very limited survey data taken from a minute number of users during only a few days last fall and only at access points Flynn Rink, Belleview Pond, and the Sheepfold. The data is almost meaningless as it ignores other major access points, such as:

- * The Botume House Visitors Center
- * Long Pond Parking Lot
- * The Bear Hill parking area
- * The Crystal Springs Parking Lot,
- * The Virginia Wood Parking Lot,
- * The Greenwood Park Parking Lot.
- * Well used parking areas at Gates 53 and 9
- * Gates 55 & 56, East Border Rd, Malden

The online survey contacted an even smaller fraction of Fells users and only those with computer skills.

Professional dog walkers are a serious problem and were not recorded in the inadequate sampling.

In comparison, the Friends of the Fells conducted a user survey in 2004 with over 500 responses. Copies of the Survey were given to DCR personnel at a meeting at Breakheart Reservation that preceded this Trails Plan process. The Friends survey was much more comprehensive, covering all seasons and ages of users and over twenty activities (even including over 20% of users who mountain bike). The DCR's methodology is seriously inadequate as a basis for any trail plan...

Trail Data Accuracy is Suspect

I doubt the completeness of data provided by your consultant. At one point in the process I was provided a trail map created by your consultant that purported to show trails too close to vernal pools. One of the most prolific vernal pools in the Fells for fairy shrimp was shown. The illegal trail that exists within twenty feet of it was not documented. The pool, which is certified, and the illegal trail are readily observable from a nearby well used hiking trail and accessible from it.

I have made requests for the data obtained by DCR and its consultants that forms a basis in part for the trail plan, only to be told it is not presently available. The earliest request was in January 2010. A review of this data is essential to insure that it is complete, comprehensive and accurate. DCR should not be withholding data obtained by a consultant with public funds. In doing so, it prevents review by others attempting to reach informed opinions on this important process.

Inadequate Outreach Prior To Public Meeting

There was inadequate outreach to numerous stakeholders, such as various birding groups, historical societies, running groups, nature educational groups such as Winchester Trails.

Biking and Hiking Have the Same Trail Impacts

I have hiked the Fells for over fifty years. The major source of hiking trail erosion and damage has occurred since mountain bikes were allowed in the Reservation. This is an observation shared by many long term users of the Fells.

Regarding studies purported to claim the mountain biking causes no more damage to trails than hiking I suggest you read a few and see if they are applicable to the Fells and to biking on soils typical of the Fells trails. I'm in disbelief that DCR would believe something that defies common sense.

If you do read one, I can't believe you would form any other conclusion than the studies are either flawed, or not appropriate, or at best inconclusive on this point

One study constantly referred to in other studies is by Wilson, J.P. and Seney, J.P. 1994. Erosional Impact of Hikers, Horses, Motorcycles and Off-road Bicycles on Mountain Trails in Montana. I suggest that anyone reading it will see that it is next to meaningless in this discussion.

I'm aware also of an email that you were copied on from Sharl Heller of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network in which the study, "Natural Resource Impacts of Mountain Biking: A summary of scientific studies that compare mountain biking to other forms of trail travel", by Gary Sprung was discussed. Ms. Heller states that, "Sprung's conclusion that, '...no scientific studies show that mountain bikers cause more wear to trails than other users', is true only because there have been no studies designed to directly compare mountain biking to other types of trail travel on trails of various conditions." Unfortunately this and other studies have been misrepresented as supporting the claim that mountain biking has the same trail impact as hiking.

I'm in disbelief that DCR would believe something that defies common sense.

Solitude

The statement regarding an almost complete lack of solitude in the Fells is a purely subjective statement and completely false. I walk in Fells frequently and the Reservation offers many opportunities for solitude and contemplation. The third most mentioned activity Friends user survey of 2004 was solitude; see the following chart from that survey. [aoladp://MA29094957-0004/clip_image002.gif](mailto:MA29094957-0004/clip_image002.gif)

Mud Season

Decreasing the season when mountain biking would be banned will be disastrous to the Fells trail system. The mud period is much longer. There is also the predictable January thaw. Combine these conditions with mountain bikes equipped with studded tires (which should be totally banned) and the trails will be severely impacted.

I suggest you obtain recent historical monthly weather data –high/low temps, average rain fall, average snow fall – and any fair review will suggest that mud season should be extended from late November throughout all of April.

Hubert E. Holley

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:45 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Re: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan

Hello,

Regarding the Middlesex Fells Trail Plan, I am writing to ask you to include orienteering as a sanctioned use of the Fells. I am a member of the New England Orienteering Club (NEOC), a 501(c)(3) charity.

Orienteering, at intermediate and advanced levels, requires off-trail travel by foot. However, unlike hikers, who tend to go off-trail repetitively to "destination areas," each orienteer chooses his/her own route to an unremarkable feature (such as an ordinary boulder). Entirely new sets of features are chosen for each event, so there is no repetitive wear.

NEOC's local meets this year averaged 86 participants. Many of these participants are novices who never leave the trail. The others are distributed over 3 or 4 different courses, which further disperses the environmental impact. NEOC almost never holds meets in the same park more than twice per year; once per year is more common.

The New England Orienteering Club will certainly work with Fells management to note ecologically sensitive areas, such as vernal pools, on its map. There is a convention for indicating "out of bounds" areas on orienteering maps. Travel through an out-of-bounds area results in disqualification.

Please do not exclude orienteering as a use of the Fells. I know that our Board of Directors would be happy to meet with Fells management to address any concerns.

Thank you.

Jim Paschetto
Waltham, MA

From: Ann Jochnick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment on Middlesex Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR:

Please do not change trail usage in Middlesex Fells until AFTER a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan is completed.

A Resource Management Plan should consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use and include plans for enforcement.

This is essential to protect the Fells nature, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells.

Any changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan should *only* be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Jochnick
Arlington, MA

From: Thomas Kozachek [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: lkozachek@verizon.net
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

My family enjoy the Fells as it is, a place of unique and relatively undisturbed beauty for quiet walks--a place apart for refreshment and replenishment, a place to observe and learn about the delicate balance of nature. Unfortunately, the character and, more importantly, the ecological health of this unique and priceless space have been severely compromised by rampant and illegal mountain bike usage. Many trails are heavily eroded, and a number of areas have been badly trampled. The damage is real, and we have borne sad witness to it. In addition, because of the wild and uncontrolled riding of many bikers, walking is often, unpleasant or fearful. Bikers often swoop down on people, including children.

I urge you set aside the Fells Trail Plan until a full, balanced, and comprehensive resource management plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to abandon your duty of stewardship of these public lands.

I wish to be apprised of every future step in this process. We thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Laura Kozachek

Medford, Massachusetts

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 11:56 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Enforcement Essential to any Fells Plan
Attachments: Letter Enforcement.doc

(Also attached as a Word file)

Hubert E. Holley

Malden MA 02148

November 16, 2010

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Re: Enforcement Essential to any Fells Plan

Mr. Jahnige,

It really doesn't make sense; in fact, it is nonsense to make any changes in the Fells without providing for actual enforcement of Fells regulations; not a plan on paper to enforce in the future, but one that guarantees feet on the ground with ticketing and arrest powers.

Because of the absence of enforcement, there are many activities not permitted in the Fells that have occurred continuously for many years. For example, there are hikers off trail, swimming in reservoirs, gay cruising, dogs off leash, professional dog walkers, dog feces left on trails, mountain bikers riding on hiking trails and cross country, people removing of plants, night time beer parties, and damage to historic structures.

To implement any part of the Trail Plan without addressing the underlying reason for most of the problems in the Fells is only compounding these problems.

These activities continue because there is no enforcement. None. NADA.

There needs to be a proven, working commitment for regular random periods of enforcement by uniformed personnel with arrest powers. It could be a task force of Massachusetts State Police, the Environmental Police and officers from adjacent towns.

But more than a plan is needed; enforcement needs to be working before any changes in use in the Fells.

The Friends attempted years ago to get the MDC to provide Rangers broad citation powers and a process for court action, and to resolve union problems. A few years went by with a lot of promises but no substantive changes.

Next, the Friends made a lengthy attempt to have the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) provide some intermittent presence and enforcement. That was a complete bust.

For one month, a June, there was a MSP cruiser parked in the Fells with the trooper who stopped and gave a warning to anyone passing by that was in violation any rules, The problem was that the duty was overtime and it had to be equitably spread around. So troopers from all over came to the Fells for a day or so, most without knowledge of the Fells or its problems. And at the end of June, the end of fiscal year and no overtime money, the troopers were gone.

So just to mention that there will be an effort to get other agencies to assist in enforcement is just another vague promise.

We have had self enforcement for decades, or rather lack of self enforcement, and you know that has been the situation. Are we to believe that rewarding the most flagrant rule breakers with more biking trails that they will magically become better stewards?

Why should Fells users believe that any plan will work without real enforcement?

You mentioned that enforcement is one leg of a three legged stool. Right now enforcement is a virtual leg, a few words on paper, a wish, a hope. That is not what is needed. The Fells, your plan, any plan, will fail without enforcement and will almost guarantee increased user conflicts.

Get enforcement really in place and working and I'm betting any plan will be better received by the various groups.

Hubert E. Holley

From: m [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please protect the Fells

Dear Friends:

I am a lifelong resident of the Boston area. I value the few wild spaces we have left.

I want to show the wildlife to my kids who are now age 4.

Please do not convert the Fells to more biking trails.

thank you,

Miriam Miller

[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02145

From: Sharl Heller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Rick Sullivan; Henry Lee; David Cash; Brian Shanahan; Jim Baecker; Andy ((DCR)) Backman; Paul Jahnige (DCR); Crawford, Conrad (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Reservation Trails Plan Comment

Dear Commissioner Sullivan and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Stewardship Council Members;

I am writing to urge you to put off adopting the proposed Fells Trails System Plan until a Resource Management Plan (RMP) is in place for the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

As President of Friends of Myles Standish State Forest (MSSF), I have been very involved in the RMP planning process for the MSSF and have seen first hand how important it is for a park to complete the process. DCR planners Andy Backman and Jim Baecker have done an exemplary job of cooperating with the Friends of MSSF to hold workshops in which members of the community are invited to present data, share information and offer suggestions for management on the topics covered by the RMP. During the past two months since the MSSF RMP process began, more information about the forest has come to light than was ever expected. Why? Because resource management planning serves as a catalyst, bringing people who have expertise about various aspects of the forest together with DCR planners and managers.

So far, the two workshops, Pinelands, Plantations and Wildlife and Vernal Pools and Ponds, have been well attended and very informative. DCR officials and "citizen experts" have been leading discussions and sharing information that surprises people in both groups. In fact, Brian Shanahan, the long-time Southeast Regional Director who spent time in the forest as a boy, told me he plans on attending all of the workshops because he never knew so much about the forest until now! I doubt if the DCR managers in the Southeast Region would want a full-scale trails plan revision before the RMP was completed, and I know the Friends of MSSF would not accept a trails system plan, or any other kind of plan affecting the forest, before the RMP is approved and adopted by the Stewardship Council.

While Friends of MSSF promote recreation in the forest, we encourage all legal user groups to promote sustainable recreational use that will not adversely impact biodiversity or degrade the environment. Completing a trails plan revision before a RMP goes against good judgement, the Governor and DCR's own policies and the will of people who, like the name your own agency suggests, put "conservation" ahead of "recreation". May I suggest you review the information provided on the DCR website for the Myles Standish State Forest Resource Management Plan process and use the reasoning behind the RMP directive stated therein to put the Middlesex Trails Plan on hold until the Fells RMP is complete:

Myles Standish State Forest RMP Overview

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/materials/rmp/mssf_rmp_overview.pdf>

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[underlining is mine]

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is directed by a legislative mandate (M.G.L. Chapter 21, Section 2F) to prepare management plans for every DCR reservation, park and forest, to provide management guidelines for the protection and stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources, and to ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management. The legislative mandate also requires the incorporation of public review and input into the development of management plans, and review and adoption by the DCR Stewardship Council.

Resource Management Plans (RMPs) consider the past, present, and future of a forest, park, or reservation. Through an assessment of resources, clear management goals are developed, and short- and long-term action plans are identified for the management of properties under the stewardship of the DCR. RMPs are written to meet the information needs of a diverse audience: from the decision-makers directly involved in the operation and management of a property, to a variety of outside stakeholders. RMPs are intended to be working documents for setting priorities, budgeting and resource allocation, and establishing guidelines for balancing sustainable recreation with the stewardship of natural and cultural resources. Finally, RMPs are of value to users who are interested in learning more about that property, the challenges it faces, and how decisions affecting it are made.

As one who attended the November 5 Stewardship Council meeting where Paul Jahnige presented the Fells Trails System Plan and public comments followed, I appreciate the great amount of work that has gone into the draft. However, I agree with the attendees who stood up to protest the flawed process that created it; for without a complete resource inventory that the RMP would provide, the trails plan is lacking the information required to make it valid or acceptable. Therefore, I'm asking you to please put the Fells Trails System Plan on hold until the RMP is complete. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sharl Heller
President, Friends of Myles Standish State Forest
[REDACTED] Plymouth, MA 02360

From: kathleen walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:30 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

To whom it may concern,

I live in Melrose and hike the Fells several times a week. I oppose the plan to open the hiking trails to more bike use. The extended use of bikes would damage the trails and harm the plants and disturb the wildlife that live there. The fells was created to give people a quiet, peaceful place to walk and hike and I believe opening it more extensively to bikes would create irreversible harm to the park.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walsh

██████████ Melrose, MA, 02176

From: ██████████ Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:38 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: I oppose more bicycle trails in Middlesex Fells!!!

I strongly oppose the plan to add more mountain biking trails in the Middlesex Fells!!! A large number of mountain bikers do not want a passive,

meandering bike ride in the woods. They want to ride fast and find the most challenging trails. When I hike or go birdwatching in the Fells, I am looking

for a quiet getaway, a conversation with nature. I do not want to always be looking behind me to see or hear fast moving bicycles! I do not want to

see the trails being torn up by mountain bike tires! I do not want to encounter lines of fast moving bikers in the only quiet nature spot of this size left

in the area! There are plenty of other places where mountain bikers can find trails available to them!!!

If you approve this plan to add more mountain bike trails, I will no longer use the Middlesex Fells, which is very very unfortunate. It was preserved

over a hundred years ago as a place of nature, a quiet contemplative place, not an amusement park!!! That is what it will turn into unfortunately.

Please think about the implications of what you are considering!!!!!!

Audrey Stanwood

Medford, MA 02155

From: LAWRENCE BERMAN [██████████]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:49 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan

To: DCR

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Trail Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. My wife and I have been using the Fells for almost 40 years, for running, cross-country skiing, and occasional biking. I write due to my concern about the indications in the plan that all off-trail uses will be prohibited, which to me means orienteering.

Cambridge Sports Union (legal name - CSU, Inc, A Not For Profit Corporation), of which I am President, is a 501 (c)(3) organization whose purpose is education in physical fitness and the outdoors; we are involved in running, race walking, cross-country skiing, and orienteering. Since we are centered in the Boston area, we have used many DCR properties over the last 30 years for our activities. Our primary use of the Fells in recent years is for orienteering, and over the years we have invested over \$10,000 to produce maps of the area that are suitable for the sport. We have just completed mapping the entire area of the Fells west of Route I-93.

Our sister organization, the New England Orienteering Club, is submitting comments which we support. I would like to add some additional support to their Appendix 1 (see below):

I believe there is a misconception about damage caused by off-trail use. To quote Section 2.9

"Off-Trail Use: Many users; be they naturalist looking for wild flowers or

wildlife, bikers free-riding, or individuals 'cruising;' go off-trail in the

Fells. This creates new trail, tramples plants, and compacts soils."

In fact, at least for those on foot, it is not the occasional passage through the woods that causes long-term damage. It is repetitive passage along the same track, even if of low intensity, that causes such damage. One only need look at the trails to see the effect of repetitive use. The International Orienteering Federation, as well as several national orienteering federations in countries with climates similar to ours, have done controlled studies that show such results; any damage caused by orienteering disappears quite quickly. There are, of course, especially sensitive parts of a forest, and orienteers are happy to cooperate with managers in planning ways to avoid such places.

Orienteering is structured in such a way as to minimize repetitive use:

(1) Orienteering is usually organized only once per year in a given area; rarely do we use a forest twice in a year. More frequent use makes the area too familiar, and goes against the point of the sport, which is to "navigate through unfamiliar terrain". That is why orienteering was overlooked in Section 2.8, Current Uses. We are just not there every day.

(2) When an area is re-used, the control points that define each participant's course will be, as much as possible, different from those used in the previous event, for the same reason.

(3) Each orienteer makes his or her own navigation plan. As a result, orienteers do not form a pack through the woods, rather they diffuse through the woods, causing very little impact on any given spot.

We, as orienteers, consider ourselves as stewards of the environment. The natural landscape is our "stadium" When we organize an event, we leave the area cleaner than we found it. We believe CSU should be included as a Stewardship Partner.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J Berman
President, CSU

NEOC Appendix 1: Proposed changes to the draft plan

Motivation:

Orienteering is an existing use of the Fells, and should be acknowledged.

Orienteering clubs are stewardship partners of the DCR.

In your draft trail plan, we were pleased to see acknowledgment of permitted off-trail activity, but were concerned about the negative tone used elsewhere about all off-trail use. Off-trail activities such as nature study and orienteering, properly managed, cause little environmental damage.

Specific changes we recommend:

1. Section 2.8, Current users: Add orienteering as a secondary use: "Secondary uses include fishing access, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and orienteering."

2. Section 2.9, User Attitudes and Behaviors: Change the language to address only damaging off-trail use. Continue support for managed and responsible off-trail use.

Replace the existing sentence on off-trail use with this:

"Off-trail damage: creation of new trails and soil compaction are a risk when multiple users travel off-trail without regard for sensitive areas and times of year."

3. Section 3.4, Recreational Experiences and Expectations: Add orienteering as a "managed experience": Add to your list of managed experiences on page 24 this bullet point: "Orienteering on a variety of terrain". Under "The following section provides additional details, discussion and reasonable expectations regarding the above "managed experiences," we suggest that you include a section about orienteering, which we can provide separately.

4. Section 4.1, Ecological Impacts of Trail Activities, page 31: Change the tone about off-trail activities. That is:

Unmanaged off-trail activities – including freeriding, off-leash dogs and off-trail nature study – may extend the environmental impacts of recreational use beyond the existing trail network and expand the area of wildlife disturbance.

5. Section 5, Staffing and Stewardship Partners: Include the New England Orienteering Club as a Stewardship Partner.

The New England Orienteering Club (NEOC) educates the public about map navigation through educational programs and organization of orienteering sporting events.

Within the Fells, NEOC has partnered with various groups to host orienteering meets for the general public, garbage clean-up events, and navigation training for schoolchildren.

From: Neil Weisenfeld [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:43 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comments from a Fells user

I strongly believe that the Fells Trails System Plan should remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway and that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

Sincerely,
Neil Weisenfeld
[REDACTED] Woburn MA 01801

From: Melanie Tringali [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Oppose More Bike Trails

Hi

I strongly oppose adding more bike trails to the Fells Reservation. My husband, 4 young children and I frequent this place often we enjoy the nature and preservation of this land especially being in the city. It is truly a gem. Mountain bike trails will only ruin this preservation and gem, the bikes are hazardous to the nature, and many go off trails killing and ruining our natural resources.

Please no more bike trails!

Concerned citizen,

Melanie Tringai
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Carol A McKinley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:48 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Comments - Fells Trail Plan - keep it a Reservation

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

The Middlesex Fells Reservation is a rare ecological and historical gem and needs to be repaired and restored, protected and preserved for future generations. As a former Girl Scout leader many hours were joyfully spent on peaceful Fells trails engaging girls to respect nature while learning about its inhabitants and marveling at its geography and history.

Recently I have participated in Park Serve Days and have worked with Mike Arnott doing trail maintenance. I have also helped out with DCR's invasive species removal program. Since the introduction of bicycles nearly two decades ago, the condition of the Fells has deteriorated. Non-compliance by bike users without any enforcement has torn apart hiking trails and has been a public safety issue for all users. In the Trails Plan, expansion of biking for multi-use is problematic and disturbing. Bikes are machines and should remain on fire roads and the designated bike loop for everyone's safety.

The Trails Plan should be addressing the problem areas that need fixing:

- * Eliminate illegal and spider trails

- * Repair and restore all hiking trails
- * Improve signage - such as: "Area closed for Habitat Restoration"
- * Enforcement of the existing rules by DCR and State Police - (i.e. no night or winter bike riding)

Sincerely Yours,
Carol A. McKinley
[REDACTED] Melrose, MA
02176

From: chris daveta [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comment

Hello, please accept my comment on the DCR Fells Draft Plan of 9-20-2010.

Although I welcome the draft plan whereby DCR accounts for multiple uses in the Fells trails system, my concern lay in how the enforcement of such expanded activity will be accomplished. Given the acrimonious history between two schools of thought on how to best use the many miles of trails that make up the Fells, I believe more thought should be given to the actual enforcement of new policies.

As a parent of young children, there are particular areas of the Fells where we do not walk for fear of being struck by a bicyclist. But that concern should not translate into the banning of all bikes. Again, quality enforcement mechanisms to ensure that this does not happen are very important.

I agree with your editorializing on the solitude of the Fells. Although it is a treasured resource for residents, it still lay within a very urbanized area, bisected by a major highway and not immune from airplane noise and sightings. While I, like many people, go to the Fells to see nature, I do not expect it to be a wildlife habitat, free of all human activity.

Christopher D'Aveta
[REDACTED] Medford, MA

From: Sarah Moser [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: 'Nancy Goodman'
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comments
Attachments: Fells Trails Plan Comments 11-17-2010.doc

Hello: Attached please find Nancy Goodman's comments on the Fells Trails Plan.

Thank you,

Sarah

Sarah Moser
Business and Membership Coordinator
Environmental League of Massachusetts
[REDACTED] Boston, MA 02108
[REDACTED] November 19, 2010

Mr. Paul Jahnige
Attention: Fells Trail Comments
Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

Via Email: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us

Re: Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells and for the work that DCR has done to date on the plan.

As ELM has stated previously, we believe that the draft proposes a number of significant changes in use and management that would best be contemplated as part of a full Resource Management Plan, and we understand that DCR will begin that process in January.

We come to this conclusion given the many user needs and conflicts that have been identified in the Fells. And, while we are aware that DCR did undertake a public process around the Draft Trails Plan, we believe that before any significant changes in use take place, a fuller understanding of the reasons for the recommendations and more robust consideration of possible alternatives – plus a better sense of what resources are necessary and available to implement and monitor any changes – would result in a better outcome and one that would be more widely accepted by those that use and cherish the Fells. We also believe that a facilitated or mediated series of dialogues could help address what appear to be conflicting needs.

While this is not just about mountain biking, it is worth noting that when the Fells was first established, mountain biking was not a contemplated use. Since the early 1990s, biking has been allowed and this particular user group has continued to press for expansion—for single track, for loops, for more miles, and for trails that offer different technical challenges. DCR properties cannot be all things to all people for a variety of reasons. More clarity about the criteria DCR uses to make decisions about uses and expansion of uses (other than

a particular user group, be it bikers, dog owners, families or hikers wants to be better accommodated) would be welcome.

We appreciate that the draft trails plan noted that “the Fells provides a natural oasis in the urbanized metropolitan area” (p. 7). As someone who lives in the area and walks regularly in the Fells, it cannot be overstated how needed this type of respite is. Very few places of this scale and type are accessible to these communities and while the Fells is a place where one shouldn’t “expect” a wilderness experience or to find solitude, one can actually often have such experiences. As these experiences become rarer and rarer or there is potential for them to be further diminished, those that value them want to do all they can to protect them.

One of the stated primary goals of the plan is help address/reduce user conflicts, but there is little evidence presented that opening up existing trails to new uses will do anything to solve these conflicts and, may in fact, exacerbate them. A number of the changes proposed for this fall and winter would offer new circulation patterns and open up large new areas of the park to biking. And while all user groups have impacts, the distance covered by bikers in particular is generally much greater, and therefore, the potential for encountering others is increased and should be part of the consideration. We are not yet convinced that user education, self-policing and new signage will be adequate to avoid/reduce user conflicts. We strongly recommend that before any significant change in uses is made, that DCR attempt to manage the current conflicts and demonstrate that these techniques work and are sufficient.

In addition to user conflicts, DCR has stated – and I have observed – that there is widespread flouting of existing rules by all user groups. This also suggests that DCR should attempt to demonstrate that the techniques outlined in the plan can, in fact, help change user behavior. If that can be shown and documented, then proposed changes could be more readily embraced. On the other hand, if these techniques are found to be insufficient, that will be valuable information as well and DCR may decide that different approaches or more resources are needed at this site.

As you know, ELM has been a strong advocate for adequate funding for DCR for many years. We have seen DCR’s budget cut significantly during the economic downturn and have no reason to expect that DCR will see any notable increase in resources anytime soon. We appreciate that some additional seasonal staff were assigned to the Fells recently, but we note that on page 37 of the draft plan, it states that the Fells District staff are severely over-burdened. This of course must be factored into this discussion. We understand that partnering with user groups can help supplement DCR staff, but volunteers cannot be a full substitute for staff and so reliance on user groups for education and enforcement may not be adequate. Partner expectations also must be considered when entering into agreements, i.e., it should be clear that any formal arrangement with DCR does not translate into any special relationship or DCR support for any particular agenda.

A couple of specific points about the plan:

While we believe that DCR can undertake some actions absent a full RMP, e.g., improve maps, enhance parking and access, improved signage – until the RMP is completed, it is difficult to fully know where parking and access should be enhanced or what trails should be noted on a map. Certainly enforcement, user education, and trail improvements and closures of trails that are negatively impacting natural resources could all begin now.

On page 43, the draft states “evaluate through the RMP process, the creation of a new “all persons trail” connecting Flynn Rink parking area to the trail network near Quarter Mile Pond.” The plan goes on to say DCR will work with NEMBA in partnership on this. If the recommendation is to “evaluate” this action, then it seems premature for DCR to state who it will partner with on design and permitting as conceivably, an evaluation could lead to a decision not to create a new “all persons trail”.

In closing, we again assert that some of the recommendations in the draft plan would best be considered in the larger context that the Resource Management Planning process will offer. We stand ready to work with you to ensure that the RMP process achieves good, well-reasoned outcomes for park users and the protection of the wealth of natural resources found in the Fells.

Sincerely,

Nancy Goodman
Vice President for Policy

cc: Commissioner Sullivan
DCR Stewardship Council

From: Janet M. Kelliher [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Middlesex Fells Reservation - Recreational Use

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my opposition to the expanded recreational use of trails within the Middlesex Fells Reservation without the completion of a full Resource Management Plan. With the potential for expanded use of the trails, I have heightened concerns about the on-going stability and protection of the diverse and rare floral and fauna within the Reservation. As a frequent user of the Fells trails, generally on foot, I also have safety concerns for myself and others who enter into the Reservation to take advantage of the natural surroundings. The expansion of the use of the trails, without an Impact Study or a thorough Resource Management Plan, would not be in best interest of the future conservation of the Fells parkland.

Thank you for your consideration,

Janet Kelliher

Medford Resident

From: Howard, Roger [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Comments on Draft Trail System Plan - DCR - Middlesex Fells Reservation

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a homeowner in Melrose ([REDACTED]), having moved there over 3 years ago with my family in large part due to the proximity to the Fells Reservation. It's no coincidence that my house is located across the street from the Reservation. My family and I enjoy the outdoor opportunities that are offered in the Reservation including hiking, snowshoeing, and mountain biking.

I am happy to see the DCR is developing a trail plan that is more inclusive of a broader range of uses, while remaining cognizant of potential impacts to the environment/habitat.

My comments on the plan are as follows:

General Plan Comments.

* First, my compliments to what is overall a well researched, thorough and organized plan.

* I strongly support the following components of the plan:

* Section 6.1 - Reduce the extent and confusion within the trail system. Trails through sensitive areas, and redundant and nested trail areas should be eliminated to reduce impacts on the environment and habitat.

* Section 6.3 - Improve Trail System Maps and Signage.

* Section 6.4 - Post and enforce a seasonal closure to mountain biking during the mud season. The current closure period is overly restrictive and unnecessary.

* Section 6.9 - Improve Mountain Biking Trail User Experience. In particular I strongly favor the opening of the Orange trail to mountain biking, the development of existing trails in the Dark Hollow Pond area for shared mountain bike use, and changing the Cross Fells and Crystal Spring trails to shared use.

* I respectfully disagree with the following component of the plan:

* Section 6.8 - Designate the Virginia Wood as Pedestrian only. While I agree, in general that Virginia Wood should primarily be a pedestrian area, I strongly feel that mountain bikes should be permitted on at least one trail/path that passes through the

Woods to permit incorporation into an overall loop around the Fells and permit local residents (like myself) to access other areas of the Fells on a mountain bike through the Woods.

Minor Editorial Comments.

The follow are a few minor editorial comments I noticed while reading the Plan.

* Section 2.6 – While I generally agree with the assessment of trail conditions based on my past use of the trail system, I recommend expanding on the basis/criteria used to evaluate trail condition. In other words how are ‘good’, ‘poor’ etc defined.

* Page 26, next to last paragraph. Nice job of conveying the mountain bike experience to non-mountain biking readers.

* Page 27, first sentence, first paragraph. Consider changing “...that are right for them.” to “that are appropriate for them”

* 6.10 – Recommendations Summary Table. There are some elements in the table that are not consistent with the Plan text (e.g. the change to the winter closure policy closure duration)

Again, overall a nice job on this plan and I look forward to the implementation of the plan.

Regards,

Roger Howard Jr., P.E.

██████████ Melrose, MA 02176

From: McCulloch, Mary [██████████]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: DCR - Fells Trails Plan Comments

Dear Department of Conservation and Recreation,

The Fells have been a wonderful resource for the greater Boston area for more than a century.

In order to preserve the integrity of the area and also maximize enjoyment by the community, the

Resource Management Plan (RMP), needs to thoughtfully review all projected uses of this public land

with oversight for conservation as well as recreational use.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McCulloch
[REDACTED] Arlington, MA 02474

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:42 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.org
Subject: Cruising in the Draft Fells Trail report

Hubert E. Holley

Malden MA 02148

November 17, 2010

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cc: friends@fell.org

Re: Cruising in the Draft report

Mr. Jahnige,

The draft Trail Plan mentions or alludes to "cruising" in different sections of the Plan (See ** below).

Since this activity causes significant fragmentation and destruction of habitat and its objectionable nature deters others from visiting the area, I agree that it should be discontinued.

The plan suggests that the activity can be eliminated by converting the Dark Hollow Trail, now a hiking trail, into "shared" use (read, mountain bike use) and closing off the numerous "spider work" of illegal trails linked to the activity.

I would suggest that:

1. This is a disingenuous ploy used by the biking organization as a means to gain access to a hiking trail, and
2. Allowing "shared" use and closing off illegal "spider trails" will not eliminate the objectionable use.

This is a NEMBA Ploy

That it is a ploy is quite evident. NEMBA has a history of tying other motives to its real purpose to convert hiking trails to "shared" use. (I hope to cover a few of these efforts in another communication to you.) When NEMBA submitted a proposal to DCR in March 1999 which included the Dark Hollow Trail, the problem was not mentioned.

More recently, a June 1, 2009 Trail Proposal and Evaluation form submitted to DCR does not include this activity. Yet, in July 2009, GBNEMBA posted that their proposal was of, "a vast network of preexisting "social" trails along Route 93. This area, known as the Dark Hollow Pond area, is currently a spaghetti network of social trails, created by pedestrians looking to engage in anonymous sex. The goal of the Dark Hollow Pond Trail proposal is to close down a significant portion of the network..."

It Will Not Work

I'll give DCR the benefit of the doubt and is actually making this area a priority for the right reasons. But in buying NEMBA's argument, DCR is naive if it believes it will work. It will not eliminate the activity but if followed through it will only satisfy NEMBA's intent.

Where has it worked? The Blue Hills has a similar situation and there is plenty of biking at that Reservation. The Mass State Police Fells Station in Medford has the activity within a stone's throw of its back door. Why does DCR delude itself in suggesting it has the solution?

Even if more users visit the area in numbers to disrupt the activity, it will surely just move to another Fells area, maybe in Winchester, or in Melrose, or in Medford. And the activity will ramp up quickly in those areas as the Internet quickly lists such sites.

An antidote is appropriate here. A few years ago, perhaps five, I spoke to two Massachusetts State troopers near the junction of Rte 28 and South Street in Stoneham.

The troopers were preparing to ride horses into the Dark Hollow area. Their intent, they said, was to disrupt the sexual activity there. I asked if they made arrests for this activity. The response was no, as going to court was "a waste of time" because "judges rule that the people engaged in that activity in that environment have a reasonable expectation of privacy."

This is a situation where action at a higher level than a Trail Plan is needed.

What will work?

Obviously sending bikers and hikers through the area is not the solution.

Again, I agree that it should be discontinued. It is a problem and I certainly do not have the answer, but neither does DCR.

Hubert E. Holley

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Section 2.8, "In addition, illicit activities also occur within the Fells including partying and most notably 'cruising' for illicit sexual experiences."

Section 2.9 "Many users; be they naturalist looking for wild flowers or wildlife, bikers free-riding, or individuals 'cruising,' go off-trail in the Fells."

Section 2.5 states, "Unofficial, user-created (rogue) trails create additional connections and short cuts between existing trails, and in some areas, particularly north and south of Dark Hollow Pond and around Pine Hill, users have created extensive and confusing "spider web" trail networks"

Section 6.1 calls a High priority closing down the "Confusing 'spider-web' trails north of the Sheepfold and Dark Hollow Pond

From: Nino Susi [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:58 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails

RE; Fells trails plan

I am writing to demand that you not go ahead with the Fells Trails Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to encourage and allow even more trail damage from reckless biking.

Please keep me informed as this process unfolds and thank you for truly protecting our Middlesex Fells. I thank you for your time and attention.

Nino Susi

Medofr MA

From: Elyse Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: hold off decision on trails

I would like to put in my word to ask to hold off on any decisions concerning the Fells Trail Act until the Resource Management Plan is completed. This is important for the continued preservation of this beautiful land.

Elyse Wilson Foote

From: Santina Riley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 2:33 PM
To: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Increasing Fells Trails Uses OPPOSED

I oppose any increase in recreational uses in the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management plan is completed.

Resident of Winchester

Santina M. Riley

Assistant Portfolio Manager
Private Client Services
Appleton Partners, Inc.
[REDACTED] Boston, MA 02109

From: Dave (lists) Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 2:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please proceed to allow bikes on more trails

I am not a mountain biker, but I am a cyclist, and an abutter of the Fells, and I am appalled by the anti-bike fearmongering that is trying to get people to write against the well-researched plans to treat the Middlesex Fells as the "urban recreation park" that it is. Please consider the misinformation that is being spread by the anti-bike folks.

Dave Adams
[REDACTED] Medford, MA

From: Paul Lehrman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 2:48 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trails Plan Comments

I am a 16-year resident of Medford who uses the Fells for recreation and relaxation year-round. It is a wonderful, peaceful, fascinating, ever-changing chunk of the natural world in the midst of our urban landscape, and I feel very lucky to have such a resource so close to my home. It is so very valuable, and as the suburbs around Boston

continue to expand, the DCR and other government agencies, as well as volunteer organizations, must do everything they can to preserve it.

I bicycle in the Fells as well as walk and ski, and many of my fellow bicyclists are as respectful of the trails and the plants as I try to be. But there are many who are not, and behave recklessly without regard to the damage they are causing to the Fells, and the danger they are putting others in, not to mention themselves.

Reckless biking is probably the number-one enemy of the Middlesex Fells, and I am writing to urge that the Fells Trails Plan, as currently proposed, not be adopted until a complete and balanced Resource Management Plan, which takes information from all interested parties, has been conducted. Otherwise the Fells trails will quickly suffer more damage from reckless bikers, and will be irrevocably changed for the worse.

Please keep me apprised of developments in this process. Thank you for your part in protecting and preserving this unique resource, and thank you for your attention.

Paul D. Lehrman, PhD
[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155

From:

Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 2:55 PM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Cc: friends@fells.org

Subject: Equitable access for Bikes in the Fells

Attachments: BlueHillsMtnBikingMap.pdf

Hubert E. Holley

Malden MA 02148

November 16, 2010

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cc: friend@fell.org

Re: Equitable access for Bikes in the Fells.

What NEMBA wants in the Fells is to have mountain bikes allowed on all hiking trails in the Fells. It's that simple.

This has been stated many times by NEMBA, for example at this web page
<<http://www.gbnemba.org/component/content/article/17/118.html>> (see below)

At this page is seen the NEMBA cry that, "mountain biking at the Fells needs to be brought more in line with those found in virtually every other DCR park."

Really? The Blue Hills for example?

Look at the attached Blue Hills PDF that shows all the numerous trails that are CLOSED to mountain biking. And the PDF does not show the considerable area east of Rte 28 that is completely closed to mountain biking.

So to be equitable to all other users, mountain biking in the Fells should be prohibited totally in all areas east of Rte 28, and existing hiking trails west of Rte 28 should remain closed to biking except as currently allowed.

Mountain bikers claim that they have been waiting for twenty years for "equitable access".

Well, other users have been waiting twenty years for enforcement and for a great many (not all) mountain bikers to act as responsible adult users of the Fells and adhere to regulations.

Excerpt from <http://www.gbnemba.org/component/content/article/17/118.html>
<<http://www.gbnemba.org/component/content/article/17/118.html>>

Here are some of the IDEAS from the NEMBA think-tank that should be proposed as changes in the Fells:

1. The policy for mountain biking at the Fells needs to be brought more in line with those found in virtually every other DCR park. All trail users are equal and have equal rights, responsibilities, and impacts. All trails should be considered multi-use unless otherwise marked. Exclusions are made on a case by case basis.
2. NEMBA should be appointed primary or lead for all trail planning, building, and maintenance needs. NEMBA would be amenable to reporting to a small advisory committee and the land manager.
3. Dark Hollow Pond Trail System should be converted to shared use.
4. Reservoir Trail should be converted to shared use.
5. Universal Access Trail at Flynn Rink (proposed for RTP grant) should be green-lighted.
6. NEMBA / MTB "Green" Loop needs to be moved off of certain high-traffic carriage roads and rerouted onto existing or new singletrack, or redundant carriage roads.

7. ALL USERS need to be educated on how to share the use of a trail system.
8. Anti-bike activities would be banned.
9. Rock Circuit Trail should be converted to shared use.
10. Crystal Springs Trail should be converted to shared use.
11. Skyline Trail should be converted to shared use.
12. Cross Fells Trail should be converted to shared use.
13. Winter Closure policy should be changed to a Discretionary Closure policy and applied to ALL users equally.
14. Better signage and MTB-friendly marked loops need to be installed.
15. After work (after dark) access needs to be legitimized during Fall and Winter.
16. Redundant carriage roads should be converted (narrowed) to additional singletrack opportunities.
17. All unmarked / unregistered trails need to be inventoried and legitimized where appropriate and sustainable, and also made available for shared use as appropriate.
18. New parking lot created at base of Bear Hill.
19. Beginner MTB trail created at Sheepfold.
20. MTB-oriented events should be planned and held.

From: Alicehnr [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 3:06 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Comments

To whom it may concern,

I am writing about the Middlesex Fells Draft Plan. I go the Fells to mountain bike, exercise my dog, hike and run. It is a very special place to me. I am a member of NEMBA, the Nature Conservancy, and a few other environmental groups.

First of all, I want to thank you for the tremendous care and work you have done to come up with the plan. I went to both community meetings and have been following the process through out. I am very impressed with the work you have done. I think the plan you put forth is intelligent, reasonable, and do-able. Waiting for years for environmental impact study, in this case, does not make sense to me at all. I think the rules you put forth immediately enhance the environment for all. I, for one, can follow the rules that you set.

Things I like: more equitable access to mountain bikers, Sheepfold is officially off-leash, closing dead-end trails, longer season for biking (everything except mud season). I think what I like best about the plan is that it creates a sense of civic responsibility with our sense of pride and ownership in the Fells. It's much better to have rules we can live with and can take ownership of. My only request would be that there is an off-leash dog friendly loop that I can run with my pup. There are a few more trails that also would be lovely for mountain bikers, to connect loops, if you can make it possible.

Again, thank you for your efforts. I think you are a model of peace making.

Sincerely,
Alice Hunter

From: Doug Carr [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 3:08 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: Doug Carr
Subject: Middlesex Fells - DCR Fells Trail Plan comments

I am not an enemy of bikers in the Fells. I am writing to respectfully request that you not go ahead with the Fells Trails Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to encourage and allow even more trail damage from the heavy cross country biking that the Fells has been experiencing over the past 10 years. I thank you for your time. I am interested in balancing the needs of the bikers with the walkers in addition to preserving the fragile ecosystem of the Fells. I believe a balanced plan can be made, however, I do not believe the Fells Trail Plan is such a plan.,

Regards,

Doug Carr

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Subject: Sen Jehlen' comments
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November 19, 2010
Fells Trails Plan
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I am writing to offer my comments on the Draft Trails Plan for the Middlesex Fells. I appreciate the efforts that have gone into this plan and the significant amount of work

required to do a complete trails inventory. I also appreciate that the Department is committed to completing a Resource Management Plan for the Fells.

Given the tremendous importance of the Fells to my district and to the entire state I think that it is important that we proceed with the utmost diligence and caution. The Fells is home to significant natural resources documented on the site including rare species, wetlands, and vernal pools. It is also a highly utilized resource in the middle of a densely populated area. Protecting the delicate ecosystem of the Fells should be our first priority.

I would ask that no changes be made with regard to user patterns in the Fells before an RMP is completed. I would also like to see much better enforcement of existing rules as well as any new rules that might be put into place. Proper enforcement is an essential component of environmental protection.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Jehlen
State Senator

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Please find the comment letter regarding the Middlesex Fells Trail Plan from the Mystic River Watershed Association attached.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
EkOngKar Singh Khalsa

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November 19, 2010

Paul Jahnige
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RE:Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail System Plan Comments

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

The Mystic River Watershed Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail System Plan.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the Mystic River Watershed. The mission of MyRWA is to work to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources. This includes working to improve the water quality in the Mystic River and all of its tributaries. As the largest piece of open space in the watershed, the Middlesex Fells is an important component of the Mystic River watershed. It is a part of the natural resources that we celebrate for its value, importance and great beauty.

First, the Mystic River Watershed Association joins with the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club and several other environmental organizations in calling for a comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Middlesex Fells Reservation, which will address both resource protection and recreational uses at the Fells. The comprehensive Resource Management Plan is required by law, and should be completed before the implementation of the trails plan. There should be no changes or increase in recreational use in the Middlesex Fells until the RMP has been completed.

However, there are several areas of this plan that should be addressed specifically. First, there are eight rare or endangered species that occur in the Fells. There are also over 100 vernal pools in the Fells. These are two of the components of the complex and diverse habitat that make up the Fells. Any plan for the Fells must include a considerate and comprehensive approach to the protection of these endangered species and habitats. A trails plan on its own does not do this. Rather, the process should be incorporated into an RMP that comprehensively addresses how the rare species and habitats will be protected while providing for recreational use of the Fells.

As the plan itself states “[T]he most difficult aspect of user behavior in the Fells . . . is a pervasive attitude that posted rules don’t always apply.” (Plan, p. 17) As the Plan points out, this attitude includes all groups of users of the Fells, but perhaps most egregiously by dog owners. This also includes the unauthorized use and development of trails by both hikers and bikers. The DCR should utilize its resources to work on halting illegal and illicit activities on the Fells trails, including, but not limited to, closing unauthorized trails, halting the unauthorized use of trails, enforcing leash rules and increasing enforcement all regulations to protect the natural resources of the Fells and the health and safety of the public that uses the Fells.

One area of special concern for the Mystic River Watershed Association is dogs on the Fells. The current regulation is that all dogs using the Fells must be leashed. However, as the plan notes, this is the single rule that is violated the most. We recommend that careful consideration be given as to the best approach to dog use of the park and that this approach be clearly memorialized in park regulations and strictly enforced.

We strongly support not going forward with the Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail System Plan, or expanding the recreational uses of the Fells until a comprehensive Resource Management Plan for the Fells has been completed.

We would like to again thank the Department of Conservation and Recreation for this opportunity to comment on the Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail System Plan. We appreciate the hard work that has gone into this project, but would ask that this plan not go forward until it can be incorporated into a comprehensive Resource Management Plan for the Fells.

Very truly yours,

EKongKar Singh Khalsa
Executive Director
Mystic River Watershed Association

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Subject: Resource Management Plan

This is to go on record in support of recent comments sent by Mike Ryan of Friends of Fells, and also endorsed by the Sieera Club and Appalachian Mountain Club. In particular, I agree that a RMP is essential before any changes in regulations for trail use are made.

In addition, changes in regulations, whether more or less restrictive, are futile without some plan for enforcement. The current dog leash requirement is an example. It is ignored to the extent that families with children, and many adults, are discouraged from using the Fells trails. A better approach might be to find some consensus compromise that would define a time and location for unleashed dog activities, with enforcement of the leash restriction otherwise. See the compromises in place at Fresh Pond Reservation, for example.

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Subject: COMMENT ON DRAFT TRAIL SYSTEM PLAN
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From : Stephen H. Kaiser

Middlesex Fells Reservation : Draft Trail System Plan

The draft report comes at a useful time for public comment ... in matters of both substance and process. It is fair to say that the report has stirred up quite a firestorm of controversy. The situation reminds me of the incendiary conflicts over forestry that raged last year and the year before. I will try to reflect back on the progress that DCR made addressing the forestry issues and see how many of the lessons can be applied to the Fells trails program.

My perspective is that of an active bicyclist and transit rider. Thirty-five years ago I was the bicycle path planner for the MDC during the initial phases of designing paths along the Charles River. Over the years, my bicycle riding has been done almost entirely on paved roads, as was my earlier two-wheeled history spanning 25 years of riding motorcycles during all seasons of the year.

Over the years, I have watched with dismay the increasing tensions between bike riders and pedestrians in many situations. It should come as no surprise to see frictions arising over bike plans in the Fells. I regret very much the loss of the original harmony and cooperation between bikes and pedestrians that seemed so universal in the 1970s.

I observed closely almost all phases of the Forest Futures process, and the latter phases of the Off-Road Vehicle process – both conducted by DCR. In my opinion the Forest Futures process had many positive aspects and outcomes, while I consider the ORV output (draft legislation) to be a failure.

The Executive Office of Energy and the Environment has bravely taken several key initiatives to address public controversies in a participatory way. Issues included the burning of biomass climate change ... and the "Safe Yield" of rivers. On October 30 I sent a lengthy "white paper" to Secretary Bowles and Commissioner Sullivan evaluating these various efforts, with an appreciation of what worked well and what did not work well.

Now we have a new controversial project for review : the Fells Trail System Plan. The November 5 letter from the Sierra Club to the Governor raised concerns about the proper legal process and standing of the report. His concern was primarily over compliance with the legal requirements of Chapter 21, Section 2f and the importance of comprehensive planning. He also addressed piecemeal early planning favoring one recreational group. Small studies were being done prior to the completion of unified and integrated management plans for the reservation itself.

New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) responded vigorously and emotionally on November 9 with a rebuttal letter to the Governor, asserting that the DCR process was beyond reproach and would serve as a model for such trail plans in the future. NEMBA saw no lack of compliance with Chapter 21 and felt there was no limitation on when planning gets done. Their view was that DCR should enact the plan as is. The Sierra/NEMBA letters escalated the conflicts and tensions to a new level and in early November spilled over into the forum of the DCR Stewardship Council.

By interesting historical coincidence, the simmering forestry controversy in the summer of 2008 also moved the debate to the monthly meetings of the Stewardship Council. One consequence was that the Council felt stymied to moderate the forestry debate, to bring about a resolution, or to render judgments that would help resolve the complex issues.

Upon the Council's request, the DCR set up the year-long Forest Futures process to establish a forum and decisionmaking entity to deal with the issues in detail and to issue a report for submission to the Commissioner. Professional mediators were brought in : they actually ran the meeting process while DCR personnel watched from the sidelines. Over time the tensions abated somewhat, and a neutral consultant took over the task of writing up a draft report. The report was well-timed and carefully written to recognize the earlier debates – and in tone it

appeared moderate, centrist, and a compromise that many participants found acceptable at the time. The mere fact that the report could have been discussed in the context of consensus was an illustration of how much progress had been made.

The forestry review process was not perfect, most notably for its failure to address the tragic clear-cutting at Quabbin and Wachusett. But the process did offer important lessons to the Secretary and to state government in general on finding successful ways to deal with public controversies.

How polarized has the mountain bike issue become in the Fells? It comes close to the early tensions over the forestry issue. The polarization is such that NEMBA appears to feel the report is wonderful and does not need any changes, while the Sierra Club, Friends of the Fells and other environmental groups see the report as procedurally flawed, and, in Jay McCaffrey's words, as evidence that the effort to date has been "futile."

I take an intermediate position in the Fells dispute. I have read through the report and have found numerous useful elements within the early chapters. There is considerable value in the way the report sets priority concerns, identifies conflicts, and reviews the varied public opinions revealed in the study.

I believe that the single greatest disconnect in the process has been its failure to resolve the known conflicts. If anything, it inflames them. Surely the current furor over the study report amply demonstrates this flaw in the study. Conflict resolution is the most important missing ingredient in the study.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION

I found a stunning contrast in the report. First was the excellence of its early descriptions about different uses of parkland. The contrast was how any conflicts were overlooked elsewhere in the report. It was as if the report had been compiled by two different people or staff groups ... and they had no discussions with each other.

There is coherence in the early sections of the report. There is a separate coherence in the latter chapters. But there is no overall coherence in the study as a whole.

How did this happen? With letters flying into the Governor's Office and an angry split between the various interest groups, the idea of going "all the way with NEMBA" seems not to have resolved anything. No conflicts have been magically healed. Regardless of the legalities of Chapter 21, it is time to put on the brakes, go back to the drawing board and come up with a process to establish a truly functional approach to controversy and consensus.

As far as I can tell, most of the furor is coming from the latter sections of the report those making recommendations on specific trails. I have seen little discussion on the early sections -- those I found most useful to my reading and understanding. It is possible we could focus on those early chapters and reach some level of agreement on the issues that divide us and need resolution.

Our task should be to understand the nature of specific conflicts in the Fells how different people perceive them what degree of resolution might be possible and what is the best conflict resolution process to follow. I do not believe that the Fells trails study process dealt successfully with any of these tasks.

I will try to salvage what I can from the trails report to find what may be useful guidance in a new and more successful study effort. The best section is 2.10 on "User Conflicts." (pages 17-19) – exactly what the later sections of the report lack :

"... many users have also encountered instances of rudeness and disrespect, and this has generated some conflict on trails within the Fells. A number of different types of users,

including bikers, runners, and families report being confronted by dogs not under the control of their owners.

But by far the greatest area of conflict with the Fells trails system is between mountain bikers and some other users Many mountain bikers feel that they have been treated as second-class trail users in the Fells, and have been unfairly restricted to a small number of trails.

.... Many (users) report having to 'jump out of the way' of a fast approaching and unyielding biker even on trails marked for hiking only.

This conflict is exemplified in writings on the internet by stakeholder groups on both sides, and also by the fact that the two most prevalent comments by stakeholders regarding this trail plan are : 1) a desire for expanded mountain biking opportunities in the Fells, and 2) a fear of expanded mountain biking and a desire to curtail the use.

.... Many trails, including most section of the Skyline, Cross Fells, and Reservoir Trails, are clearly signed for pedestrians only, and yet mountain bikers continue to ride these trails and advertise them on the internet.." (p. 17-18)

Several of these concepts are also carried forth into Section 3 :

"Some of the specific situations that may diminish the pedestrian experience in the Fells include being startled by another user, having to 'jump out of the way of a fast-moving biker,'... being approached by an unknown dog off-leash ...

"DCR also believes that walkers, hikers and show-shoers should be able to find some high quality trail experiences in the Fells in which they do not have to worry about encountering fast-moving bikers or off-leash dogs." (p. 26)

I found these sections of the report to be very succinct statements of the problem as a continuing unresolved conflict.

The trails report extends this successful introduction to the problem and refers to the general issue of conflicts in public land use as seen from the many incidents that have arisen across the country. The Federal government has produced a report on the subject of "Conflicts on Multiple-Use Trails - Synthesis of the Literature and State of

Practice," in an effort jointly sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. Many recreational trails systems in the U.S. seem to have had difficulties with the operation of multi-use paths. How do they work? How should they work?

The Federal report lists a dozen basic principles for minimizing conflict, including :

“ 2) Provide adequate trail opportunities to minimize contacts --
in other words keeping groups separate to reduce conflicts.

4) 'involve users as early as possible' to avoid and resolve conflicts,
preferably conflicts occur.

6) Identify the actual sources of conflict -- 'get beyond emotions and
stereotypes as quickly as possible and get to the roots of any problems
that exist.'

8) Promote trail etiquette Minimize the possibility that any particular
trail contact will result in conflict ...

11) Plan and Act locally : Whenever possible, address issues regarding
multiple-use trails at the local level ...

12) Monitor progress : Monitor the ongoing effectiveness of the decisions
made and the programs implemented." (p. 19)

THE VALUE OF SOLITUDE AND SERENITY

The all-important matter of solitude in the Fells is recognized in Section 2 :

“The opportunity to find solitude within a natural setting
so close to where so many people live, work, learn and play
is a feature of the Fells that can feel rare and special to many. ...

.... (The Fells allows) users to experience a sense of escape from
a crowded urban environment and even an opportunity to 'get lost'
in the woods. Within this solitude, some users find freedom,
some find privacy, and some find a sense of serenity." (p. 22)

The trails report on page 15 describes an on-line user survey from the Friends of the Fells showing the two highest user categories to be : hiking 90 percent and people who enjoyed solitude 67 percent. Mountain biking was sixth on the list at 43 percent.

Why do users value such solitude and what are the factors that diminish this experience for park users? The trails study says not a word.

How is solitude related to the value of serenity? The trails study includes only one mention of the word serenity noted above, on page 22.

DCR should note the lead that the Federal Highway Administration has taken in recognizing the value of serenity. The highway noise standards are specifically designed to recognize serenity, and the land use with the lowest accepted noise levels are “within parks, open spaces and other tracts of lands requiring special qualities of serenity and quiet.” Our state parks agency should strive to do at least as well as the national highway agency in appreciating the value of serenity in parklands.

By Section 3 of the trails study, the importance of solitude appears to have been lost in the woods. When the nine DCR management goals for the Fells are listed, number 7 is shown as "Occasionally find solitude." (p. 24). Occasionally? Where did that conclusion come from? Both Section 2 and the surveys of Fells users show solitude as a very important value.

Section 3 contains several references to denigrate the values of solitude in the Fells.

"... the Fells is a popular and heavily used destination. It is not a wilderness area. While users may be able to find moments of solitude in the Fells at certain places, seasons or times of the day, users should not necessarily expect to find solitude in all instances, nor expect that moments of solitude might not be disturbed by other users." (p. 28)

The text at page 28 under “Occasionally find solitude” contains only one short paragraph in addition to the quote immediately above.

PARKS AND RESERVATIONS

All parks and reservations should provide for a respite from common urban and suburban life. For the Fells, the study needed to understand the crucial differences between parks and reservations. A reservation is a larger, more secluded, more separate

plot of land than a park. In terms of values, preservation and stability rate very highly. Change would normally be resisted except under extraordinary circumstances. As a general rule, parking lots, skating rinks and basketball courts are easier to put into parks than into reservations. There is a vital link between "reservation" and "preservation." The Fells must be understood in these terms.

VEHICLES IN RESERVATIONS

Anita Brewer is one of the founders of MassBike. She has pointed out that bicycles by law are vehicles -- unmotorized, but vehicles nevertheless. Over the years bicycle advocates have fought for the rights of bicycles to be recognized on public roads as vehicles – a fundamental right to the road that I too support.

What happens when vehicles with rights to public roads suddenly demand an equality of rights to use park lands and reservations? The aggressiveness of bike riders on the paved roads could be carried over into more serene areas such as parks, where such aggressiveness will be a detriment. The common tendencies for bike riders on streets to violate laws and rules of the road could also be translated into disrespect for park regulations. The trails report suggests that this is already a problem as "mountain bikers continue to ride these (pedestrian-only) trails and advertise them on the internet." (p. 17)

The trails study gives no consideration to precedents and the implications for subsequent changes to the Fells Reservation – whether intended or not. Motorized off-road vehicle users are also looking for trails to ride. They could provide a similar hard charge on DCR to allow ATVs and motorcycles in the Fells. They could assert the same complains of discrimination that NEMBA proclaims.

On page 25, the report suggests precisely this opening for ATVs :

"... discovering the wonders of the natural world is a personal experience which, depending on the individual, may be appreciated in boots, from the seat of bike, in a backpack over your mother's shoulder, on the run, or even from the seat of an ATV. As long as it is consistent with our managed and allowed uses and regulations, it is not appropriate for DCR to proscribe how users should observe, explore, discover or share nature."

Modern libertarian thinking stresses freedom to do anything one wants – even if it means stepping on the rights of others. There is an element of take-no-prisoners, that conflict is not about resolution, but instead is about winning. In a competitive world, winning is everything. Winner and loser engage in a zero-sum game.

In contrast to this libertarian streak, the report follows with a much better understanding of the traditional conflicts :

"The experiences of observing, exploring and discovering nature are often enhanced by quietness, solitude, bright colors and the opportunity to see plants and animals that seem uncommon in our daily experience. ...

"Conversely this experience can be diminished by noise, groups of other people or intrusion of the features of our urbanized lifestyles such as trash or vehicles." (p. 25)

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Regrettably, the study does not deal with the direct Fells implications of solitude and conflict. Instead it takes a strange detour into "expectations" whereby "users should expect to encounter other users, and should expect some level of disturbance by others." (p. 25). By the word "expect" the implication for non-bike users seems to be they just ought to get used to it.

The theme of "expectations" is continued on page 27 :

"On most trails, mountain bikers should expect to encounter other users, including dogs and pedestrians. They should expect to ride in a manner that will not startle others. They should be prepared to slow down, and yield to walkers and hikers, especially on downhill segments. And they should expect to stay off of some trails. Mountain bikers in the Fells should expect to feel welcome, be respected by all users, and be able to find sufficient, single track trail mileage in the beginner and intermediate trail categories and maybe some sections of advanced trail." (emphasis added)

The theme of "expectations" for mountain bikers is somewhat different from the sacrifices made by other park users. In both cases the "expectations" are likely to be little more than dreamy improbabilities, based on speculation by state planners.

Most notable is the absence of any "expectation" that there will be enforcement of the park rules. The report contains no enforcement plan.

PARTNERSHIPS

Setting up partnerships to share public park land means that all partners and stakeholders should profit spiritually from the experience. No one benefits monetarily. This understanding is fundamental to parks partnerships.

Instead, the trails report seeks an all-encompassing view of partnerships that sees all participants as getting what they want, with no one making any sacrifices.

Its conclusion to Section 3 on page 29 is "Through the recommendations of this plan, DCR seeks to enhance, in partnership with stakeholders, our ability to better provide for these desired trail experiences." There is no concept here of conflicts in uses, or

a willingness to trim one's goals when conflicts occur, in the interests of the group. It is no wonder that the draft trails report has stirred up such controversy.

WHEN SHOULD PLANNING BE DONE ??

Both Jay McCaffrey and NEMBA are trying to talk about two questions – when should comprehensive planning be done and what does the law say about it? There is a danger whenever fragmentary planning is done first. The result is a product that is narrow in focus, neither comprehensive nor integrated. Management planning is not like assembling a budget, where all the little fiefdoms submit their wish lists. Management planning means shared use is a primary concern, not an afterthought.

DCR faced this issue in the Forest Futures study, and made sure that the larger issues were discussed early in the process, with a good “wrangling” discussion among the various interests. When the final report was written, it could be seen that the issues were dealt with, in a spirit of give-and-take. It was a result of people with differing viewpoints participating in a forestry study and ending up with a certain degree of trust in the process.

By contrast, the trails study – by the very nature of its design and the letters to the Governor – has resulted in levels of distrust and recriminations. This is something that DCR would not wish upon itself. Again, we should look to the Forest Futures effort for guidance towards resolution.

Fragmented special-interest planning is bound to result in incompatibilities, as well as efforts to stonewall any resolution of conflicts. Special interest planning results in rewarding first-in, first out, as advocates lock in their goals before the more comprehensive management study is under way.

Why does DCR state in its cover letter that the trails report is a stand-alone document and is a component of the Resource Management Plan? Management plans cannot be a set of cubbyholes -- with one chapter on trails, another on preservation, another on wildlife and so forth – each with independent authors thinking their chapter will be locked in by prior approvals.

The issue is not so much about Chapter 21. It is about good planning.

LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT PLANS

In recent years, it seemed that DCR was producing management plans along two different assembly lines. One side produced true management plans, such as the one for Stony Brook. It looked at the entire reservation, all the uses, all the lands and assembled a cohesive plan for preservation and improvement. These comprehensive management plans have generated very little controversy.

The second assembly line has produced nothing but controversy. The theme is to produce sub-topic plans to be approved early, with the more complete management plan to come at some time in the future. The primary examples come from the forestry section of DCR, under then-chief forester Jim DiMaio.

Even though Chapter 21 does not authorize such activity, Mr. DiMaio prepared about a half-dozen "Forest Resource Management Plans" which represented his perspective on forestry management at the DCR. He presented them to the Stewardship Council, which duly approved them after review.

These plans were narrowly defined as to interests and rigidly advocated. It should be no surprise that they did not deal with conflicts.

The Fells Trail System Plan appears to have come off the same assembly line, except that it is not called a "Trails Resource Management Plan."

DCR's Forest Futures process was a successful outgrowth of the agency's realization that the prior forest planning effort has gone awry. In many ways, the

Fells trails planning process has repeated many of the same mistakes made early in the forestry planning.

CONCLUSIONS

Frankly, something is wrong with the report, and I do not know exactly how it happened. There is no single statement that illustrates this you-just-don't-get-it quality than the following: "In general, most users on mountain bikes desire to connect with nature and experience diverse landscapes and destinations in the same way that other users do." (p. 26). How could some of the early chapters identify

some of the key problems, yet the recommendations ignore these concepts and come in from outer space with a trails program which ignores the potential for conflict?

I doubt that any of the groups mentioned as “partners” will become true partners given the furor over the study process and the report. The current situation might be called a divorce, except there never was a marriage.

The entire concept of partnerships should be trying to bring groups together in harmony, and NEMBA has failed to grasp the elements of this objective. If there is any yielding occurring, it seems to be by the old-fashioned method of the weak yielding to the strong. Parks cannot be run on such a basis.

From a positive viewpoint, there are useful parts of Sections 2 and 3 that seek to define problems and objectives. These could be very valuable to planners assembling the overall management plan. Could we get agreement to forward on these early report sections as useful guidance?

To my knowledge, no one has referred to another section of the report that could serve as a way to deal with conflict issues. The matter is unleashed dogs ... and the apprehensions caused for both hikers and bikers. The topic is discussed in a useful manner in the report. It might be a way to get the various feuding parties to understand the conflicts better if the next part of the trails program talked only about dogs and not more bike trails. We need to talk about enforcement and rule-breaking, since the trails report is very candid on this fundamental issue :

"Perhaps the most difficult aspect of user behavior in the Fells, from a management perspective, is a pervasive attitude that posted rules don't always apply. This broad disregard for the rules is observed across the board by users of all types, ages and experiences." (p. 17)

At a larger, more national level, I am struck by how a private entity – Disneyland – has designed its own theme park for the interests of the public. In Anaheim, the site is off a major highway, with all cars channeled into a massive parking lot. Everyone leaves their cars in the lot and either takes a monorail or walks into the park.

Other than service vehicles, no cars and no bicycles are allowed inside. Disneyland is a place for pedestrians and harmony, and not a place for conflict. To achieve that they had to ban the car.

The danger in the Fells is that we will create a vehicle playground, with pedestrians being pushed aside. I hope DCR never loses sight of its primary park purpose.

DCR does have an advantage over many other agencies. It has a wonderful product to offer – parks – unlike MWRA, which produces sewage. People tend to be happier with their experience than are MBTA customers : the transit riders. DCR also has a long history of dealing with the public and with public processes. The agency showed its best skills in conducting the Forest Futures process. It corrected a previously deficient forestry process and made important changes in leadership. I hope the agency can be

sensitive and creative in the way it charts the future of the Fells and other state reservations.

Sincerely,
Stephen H. Kaiser, PhD

cc. Commissioner Rick Sullivan
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: comments on the Middlesex Fells Draft Trails Plan

I have read the draft plan. I found it to be well-researched, surprisingly unbiased, and very readable. I am impressed! I thought some of the park usage statistics could have been more accurately measured, but other than that I had no major issues with the analysis. In particular, I found your explanation of the politics and the controversy surrounding the park to be very astute. Thank you very much for all the hard work that must have gone into this. Whatever comes of the process, I greatly appreciate the effort the DCR has put in to make the Fells a better park for all concerned.

I am active in the Fells all year round, and live only 1/4 mile from the Governor's Avenue gated entrance. In order of frequency, I enjoy the following activities there:

- Mountain biking (2-3x per week)
- Trail running (1x per week)
- Hiking / walking (2x per week)
- XC skiing (1x per week depending on snow)

I have participated in numerous trail maintenance days with NEMBA in the Fells, and in other parks as well (Harold Parker, Lowell, West Barnstable, etc.). I am also a regular guide for the Wednesday / Thursday ride series with NEMBA. I have the following comments on the draft plan:

General Comments:

---The Winchester reservoir access ban is ridiculous, particularly since it makes it impossible to bisect the Fells.

---Many of the washed out areas on fireroads have been caused by poorly designed drainage ditches dug by untrained trail crews. This is a principal argument for requiring the maintenance plans be submitted to the DCR for approval, and perhaps giving other organizations a chance to weigh in prior to construction

---I strongly object to the language used to describe the conflict between mountain bikers and other users of the Fells. The report states that "Many other users and members of the Friends of the Fells feel that mountain biking, in particular, causes damage...many report having to "jump out of the way" of a fast approaching and unyielding biker...."

I can hardly believe that "many" users have stated this. I have encountered likely hundreds of people in the Fells while riding there. Out of these encounters, perhaps a dozen at most objected to my presence there. This is a small, but VERY vocal minority, and by using the word "many" the report indicates that the problem is bigger than it is in reality.

---The 12 principles were excellent

As for the plan, I support it in large part, but I am AGAINST the following:

---Designating the Skyline Trail hiker-only. There seems to be no legitimate reason for this, and in some portions of the park there are no trails except the Skyline trail to ride

---No night use of the park. Night riding has been successful in other parks (Harold Parker), and has one major benefit: mountain bikers can effectively patrol the park after dark, when much of the illicit activity takes place. Want to reduce this kind of activity? Shine a very bright LED bike light on it.

---Winter closure rules should apply to ALL users! NOT just mountain bikes. If impacts from hiking and cycling are equivalent as you state (and I support), then the rules for both users should be the same, particularly since there are many more hikers than bikers

I am FOR the following in particular:

- reduction of trails and redundancy, which will GREATLY improve the quality of trails
- improvement of signage - IN COOPERATION with other user groups! No rogue signage!
- implement Dark Hollow Pond trail plan from NEMBA
- designate the Orange Trail as shared-use
- improve partnerships between all stakeholder organizations (AMC, NEMBA, Friends of the Fells, etc.)

Overall, I once again applaud the effort being put into this process. In the end, my only hope is that more people enjoy equitable access to this wonderful urban park, whether it be as a hiker, bird watcher, biker, equestrian, or nature enthusiast.

Best regards,

Sunil Dixit

██████████, Medford, MA

From: Nancy McLellan [██████████]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:07 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails System Plan

I am writing to request that the Fells Trails System Plan remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan process is underway. No significant changes in the Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

It is unfathomable to me why such a valued reservation should be considered an "urban recreational park." To allow mountain bikes to overtake the area would ruin the peaceful enjoyment currently available in the Fells, as well as compromise the safety of visitors.

As an abutter of the Fells, it is blatantly apparent to me that enforcement of the existing rules is difficult at best. The lack of any enforcement stipulation in the new proposal is unreasonable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy L. McLellan
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From: catbluesky [██████████]
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To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please complete a RMP

To DCR Fells Trail Committee,

As residents of Medford, we have spent a lot of time hiking in the fells with friends, and the famous hike through the "caves" to the "Tower of 93" with our children. Now, we know this pleasant activity is in jeopardy due to the possibility of expanded mountain bike use. There

were plenty of times that our hikes were disturbed by mountain bikers bombing down the paths. In addition to threatening the trail system, I'm concerned this will restrict the use of this recreation area for families, friends and others who are entitled to enjoy the beauty of the land.

Please stop proceeding to plan without a balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP). It may be possible to allocate areas for all citizens to enjoy without damaging the entire area or threatening the foot travelers with reckless bikers barging through.

Thank you for your consideration. Please keep me informed of this process.

Sincerely,
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From: Christina McDermott [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:11 PM
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Cc: Sullivan, Rick (DCR); Cooper, Stephanie (DCR); Jahnige, Paul (DCR); Rowcroft, Jessica (DCR);
Subject: *Correction* Mass Audubon comments on the draft Trail Plan for Middlesex Fells - Please use this version
Attachments: Fells Trails Plan Mass Audubon comments.pdf

There was a small error in the previous version sent of Mass Audubon's comments on the Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells. Please use this version instead. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Thank you,

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November 19, 2010

Paul Jahnige
Attention: Fells Trail Comments

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Via Email: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us

Re: Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

On behalf of Mass Audubon, I submit the following comments on the draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation (draft Trails Plan). These comments are based on the draft Trails Plan and associated documents and information provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other state agencies including the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). This letter represents Mass Audubon's current position and supercedes any previous comment letters.

Mass Audubon has a long history of work in support of the protection and stewardship of state lands. We have advocated for years for increased budgets for DCR to manage and maintain its lands and facilities, and observe with concern that the funding available to the agency continues to shrink precipitously. We appreciate the time and effort that DCR has devoted to addressing public concerns regarding the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and we applaud Commissioner Sullivan's commitment to a complete Resource Management Plan (RMP) which is now scheduled to begin in January, 2011.

The draft Trails Plan provides much useful information and recommendations for protecting sensitive resources. It documents extensive trail damage and impacts to soils and vegetation, unofficial trails, and conflicts between user groups. It also provides an overview of the wide array of natural and cultural resources on the property. Based on this information, Mass Audubon recommends the following:

1. Halt any and all illegal uses and illicit activities of Middlesex Fells trails;
2. Close unauthorized trails and increase enforcement to protect the public's health and safety as well as the natural resources of the reservation;
3. Repair and restore any damage to trails and natural resources associated with unauthorized activities;
4. Repair and restore damage to trails and surrounding natural resources associated with authorized and legal activities as part of a long-term and routine recreation and conservation maintenance program; and
5. Undertake a comprehensive planning process in the form of a Resource Management Plan beginning in January 2011 and complete it expeditiously, within a year. The Trails Plan can then become the implementation measures as consistent with the RMP.

The RMP should be completed prior to moving forward on any individual use and/or area planning efforts.

A full RMP is the appropriate planning tool for the Fells because of the combination of many sensitive natural resources interspersed with an extensive network of trails and high intensities of recreational use. The RMP process is the planning tool by which DCR implements its legal mandate to develop comprehensive plans that coordinate resource protection and recreation. While DCR can and should maintain existing trails and other recreational facilities, enforce rules, and remediate existing damage without an RMP, significant changes in uses or new recreational facilities are most appropriately done in accordance with an RMP. No unauthorized trails or uses should be legitimized until an RMP provides an overall context for such decisions.

Only by mapping the sensitive areas and identifying appropriate setbacks to vernal pools and other resources can an appropriate plan for the overall trails network be developed. The draft Trails Plan maps some but not all of the important natural resources (e.g. Priority Natural Communities (PNC) are not yet included). It suggests general protections for sensitive areas including potential trail closures or rerouting. However, it does not overlay the trails and the resources in a unified, comprehensive plan nor does it identify all the locations where changes to trails or uses may be needed to protect sensitive areas. An RMP is also needed to provide specific plans for protecting and managing rare species habitats as required by the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) regulations. See further comments below on the value of and need for an RMP. Since most of the necessary information is already or will soon be available, it should be possible to incorporate this additional analysis within an RMP to be completed by the end of 2011 or before.

As DCR continues to face severe budgetary and staffing constraints for the foreseeable future, it is important to focus limited resources on ensuring public safety, halting and repairing resource damage, and managing existing approved uses. Volunteers play an increasingly important role in assisting DCR, and we encourage DCR to work with all user groups to cooperatively address a prioritized list of urgent needs.

Middlesex Fells Reservation

Established in 1894, the Fells is one of the first large reservations established in the commonwealth, and is part of the legacy of Charles Eliot and other visionaries who founded the state parks system that has served as a model around the world.

“[T]he Middlesex Fells, a great tract of wild land, unfit for the general purposes of cultivation, but pre-eminently fitted for a great natural park, for which purpose it ought to be set apart forever.”

The Fells presently covers some 2,575 acres and harbors a wealth of natural resources including a diversity of habitat types and plants, over 100 vernal pools, and at least 8 state-listed rare species. Two of these species are state listed as endangered, the highest level of conservation concern with the greatest risk of being eliminated entirely from the state.

One of these two species is so sensitive that the NHESP does not release the name of the species to the public.

The Commonwealth's BioMap2: Conserving the Biodiversity of Massachusetts in a Changing World (Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game and The Nature Conservancy, 2010) maps most of the Fells (except the northeast section from Virginia Woods northward) as Core Habitat. This includes habitats for rare, vulnerable, or uncommon species of plants and wildlife, PNC's, high quality wetland and vernal pool habitats, and intact forest ecosystems. The western section of the Fells (west of Route 93) is mapped in BioMap2 as Critical Natural Landscape, a designation applied to the largest intact landscape blocks in each of eight ecoregions across the state as well as uplands that buffer important wetland or aquatic habitats. The entire Middlesex Fells Reservation is also an Important Bird Area (IBA), as designated by Mass Audubon http://www.massaudubon.org/Birds_and_Birding/IBAs/site_summary.php?getsite=47. An IBA provides essential habitat to one or more species of breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. The Fells IBA is an important migratory stopover or seasonal concentration site for migratory land birds (e.g., warblers).

The Reservation is also a popular recreational area, with thousands of people visiting year round. There are approximately 122 miles of woods roads and trails on the property. Some have existed for 100 years or more, including the "carriage roads" which are in many instances wide enough for emergency service vehicles to pass over a compacted, relatively level surface. There are also networks of trails developed without authorization by the state. Several trails, such as the Skyline Trail, traverse high points, passing up and down steep, rocky, and sensitive soils while offering the visitor scenic vistas and access to quiet valleys.

This confluence of natural setting and the surrounding large urban population, combined with inadequate DCR resources to enforce rules as well as maintain trails and signage has led to significant damage and stresses on the natural resources of the Fells. According to the draft Trails Plan, DCR has identified and mapped 497 trail damage points. The draft Trails Plan also notes many concerns regarding trails in or in close proximity to sensitive natural resources, including Priority Habitat for state-listed rare species, vernal pools and other wetlands, and potential Priority Natural Communities.

Comments Regarding Draft Trails Plan

Sensitive Areas Remediation: Section 6 of the draft Trails Plan includes numerous, positive recommendations for closing redundant trails (duplicative trails through a single area); improving signage, maps, and user education; protecting sensitive resources; and reducing user conflicts. Given DCR's budgetary and staffing constraints, it is unclear how or when these recommendations will be implemented. The proposed staffing of two additional seasonal rangers (p. 46) seems doubtful given that DCR Commissioner Richard Sullivan said at the November 2010 DCR Stewardship Council meeting that further cutbacks are likely. Therefore, it is essential for DCR to prioritize locations where resource damage is

most severe and work with volunteer user groups to implement effective actions to halt damage and close or stabilize these areas.

Rare Species: According to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) regulations at 321 CMR 10.05, state agencies have special duties in planning for management of rare species habitats on state property. These requirements go above and beyond what is required of private property owners under MESA:

All state agencies shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of MESA and 321 CMR 10.00: review, evaluate and determine the impact on Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern species or their habitats of all works, projects or activities conducted by them; and use all practicable means and measures to avoid or minimize damage to such species or their habitats....

Management Policies. Unless specifically required otherwise by statute, localities on state owned lands that provide habitat for state listed species shall be managed for the benefit of such listed species. Said agencies shall give management priority to the protection, conservation, and restoration of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species occurring on state owned lands. All practicable means and measures shall be taken to resolve conflicts between the protection, conservation, and restoration of state listed species on state owned lands and other uses of such lands in favor of the listed species. [emphasis added]

The NHESP letter (Appendix F) notes that the existence of trails or routine maintenance of trails may impact three of the eight state-listed species on the property. Also, any rerouting of trails in Priority Habitat requires review under the MESA.

Expanded use of already degraded trails should be curtailed, and no unauthorized trails should be converted to legitimate trails until an RMP provides an overall context for these types of decisions, along with zones for protection and use.

Need for Resource Management Plan

A Resource Management Plan (RMP) is needed for the Fells, and Mass Audubon applauds Commissioner Sullivan's commitment to prioritize this planning process and initiate it in January 2011. An RMP is a comprehensive management plan developed pursuant to MGL Ch. 21 S.2F, which requires in part:

Said management plans shall include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of the aforementioned reservations, parks and forests, shall provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources and shall ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection, and sustainable forest management.

While DCR can and should maintain existing trails and other recreational facilities, enforce rules, and remediate existing damage without an RMP, significant changes in uses or new recreational facilities are most appropriately done in accordance with an RMP. The DCR

Trails Guidelines and Best Practices Manual (p. 5) states that “Trail development and management must be consistent with the agency’s resource management plans.”

The RMP is important in making decisions about future trail configurations and uses because it includes mapping of appropriate use zones according to the Land Stewardship Zoning Guidelines, including any appropriate overlay zones for sensitive areas. Given the numerous sensitive features of the Fells, it is important that the property be mapped according to these guidelines. The RMP should also identify setbacks between trails and sensitive areas, such as vernal pools, and provide a map of a future trail network that minimizes conflicts between these sensitive areas while maintaining a functional trail system for all approved uses. The future trail map also needs to be consistent with MESA and the Wetlands Protection Act.

The draft Trails Plan notes that there are several areas of potential Priority Natural Communities (PNC). Note that PNC are different than Priority Habitats – the latter are habitats for state-listed rare species protected under MESA. The potential PNC have been mapped using aerial photo interpretation. These maps need to be verified through observations on the ground, and the resulting information should be included in the RMP. These areas then need to be factored into the RMP Land Stewardship Zoning and proposed trail system.

DCR should work with NHESP to determine the management needs of rare species on the property. As noted above, the MESA regulations specify land management and planning requirements for state agency lands with rare species habitat. There may be additional management actions that NHESP would recommend in an RMP that were not specified in the brief comment letter NHESP provided on the trails plan.

Planning Procedures. State agencies shall submit to NHESP any draft management plans they prepare for state owned lands on which state listed species are known to occur. NHESP shall review such draft plans and provide comments and recommendations to the state agency concerning the protection, conservation, and restoration of the listed species on the land subject to the plan. Such review and recommendations shall be repeated at least once every five years or every time the land management plan is updated, whichever is sooner.

321 CMR 10.05

The RMP should include plans for invasive species control, especially where invasive plants may affect rare or uncommon species.

The RMP should further prioritize trail closure, stabilization, and rerouting projects. In the meantime, DCR should avoid putting additional amounts of use and stress on already degraded trail segments especially where impacting sensitive areas.

Implementation:

DCR should begin working immediately to increase enforcement, education, signage, and cooperation with and among user groups. However, we recognize the reduced and modest resources available to DCR and thus we encourage DCR to be conservative in its desires to expand trails and uses at the Fells. Cooperative enforcement with the State Police should be undertaken to address illicit activities that threaten public health and safety.

To reduce conflicts between user groups, it would be beneficial to plan trail closure and remediation work days in a way that encourages different user groups to work together and cooperate. Starting with a few priority projects, DCR could then build on those successes to achieve further progress in curtailing existing and ongoing damage and unauthorized activities. Ongoing evaluation and adjustments will be needed.

DCR should not take on extensive new trails or expanded uses at the Fells until it can manage the existing trails and uses. After sensitive area damage has been contained and addressed, DCR could consider implementing recreational enhancements consistent with the RMP, with cooperation of all user groups.

Statewide DCR Planning

Mass Audubon is pleased to see DCR moving forward to implement the Forest Futures Vision Recommendations. We will be commenting on the draft Landscape Designations for DCR Forests and Parks, Selection Criteria and Management Guidelines presently undergoing public review. At this time, we note a general need for clarification of the appropriate roles of Trails Plans vs. RMPs. There is a need for clear guidelines on which activities can occur without a property-specific RMP. DCR needs the ability to perform routine maintenance and repairs, update signage, and close or reroute trails impacting sensitive resources on all properties regardless of whether or not an RMP has been completed. However, and particularly in light of DCR's severe budgetary constraints, we recommend that limitations be considered on construction of new recreational facilities or expansion of uses where there is no RMP.

Limited budgets point to a need for DCR to rely on volunteer park users to better manage what exists now, with DCR oversight to focus work primarily on protection of sensitive areas and maintenance of existing recreational trails and uses.

Mass Audubon looks forward to the upcoming process for an RMP to be developed for the Fells, and we urge DCR to continue to prioritize that process in order to move it forward expeditiously with a goal of completion during 2011.

Sincerely,

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cc: DCR Commissioner Richard Sullivan
DCR Stewardship Council

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Paul,

Attached are AMC's comments to the draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells.
Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Heather

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November 19, 2010

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Re: DCR Middlesex Fells Reservation Draft Trail System Plan

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Founded in 1876, AMC is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the country with a mission of promoting the protection and enjoyment of the mountains, forests, waters and trails of the Appalachian region. A multi-sport organization, AMC volunteers lead over 7,000 recreational trips each year including hiking, biking, paddling, climbing, and skiing. AMC maintains over 1,500 miles of trails from Maine to Pennsylvania, including the Massachusetts sections of the Appalachian Trail and New England National Scenic Trail, as well as trails in Department of Conservation and Recreation forests and parks across Massachusetts.

AMC was an active proponent of establishing the Middlesex Fells in 1894 as one of the first five parks that created the Boston Parks System, and AMC was organizing hikes in the Fells as long ago as the 1880's. Today, AMC members enjoy the Fells for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, climbing, nature observation, family outings, and mountain biking. Among other activities, AMC's Boston Chapter leads "local walks" at the Fells and uses the Fells for orienteering instruction. While mountain biking trips are not organized through the Boston Chapter—the bicycling committee organizes road biking trips—we know that many of our members enjoy mountain biking among other outdoor pursuits, and mountain biking is a popular organized activity in some of the other AMC chapters. The Boston Chapter's Trails Committee has maintained trails at the Fells from time to time, and our professional trail crew's services have been employed on hiking trails there as well. The preparation of these comments included consultation with the AMC Boston Chapter's Executive Committee, activity leaders, and Trails Committee.

Overall, AMC appreciates the renewed attention the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is giving to improving the visitor experience and resource protection at the Fells and the work that has gone into trail planning so far. The draft Trail System Plan includes an impressive inventory of the many official and user-created trails at the Fells and their condition. We also

appreciate DCR's commitment to doing a full Resource Management Plan for the Fells within the next year, including additional evaluation of some of the key recommendations as described in the draft trails plan. While we believe that land managers may need to make some trail management decisions with the best available information before a full resource management plan can be completed, we also believe that the resource management planning process planned for the Fells in coming year will help inform the full suite of strategies and funding needs for system-wide recreation management and natural resource protection. Given the contentious debate around trail use at the Fells, we believe the process will also result in broader support for implementation of the final plan.

The Middlesex Fells is a treasure. Its diversity of terrain, water features, views, deep woods, vernal pools, other ecological and cultural resources, and sheer acreage amid an otherwise highly developed environment make it an oasis for both wildlife and for people seeking an escape from the concrete and into the quiet of nature for just an hour or a whole day. As

one member wrote, “I love the fact that the Fells is in so close to the city but feels like a walk in the White Mountains without the drive.”

Over the past several years, the Middlesex Fells has also become an area that is rife with user conflicts. However its many users are also passionate in their support for protecting its unique natural resources. Much of the draft Trail System Plan appears to be aimed at addressing some key major issues at the Middlesex Fells, including ongoing and highly contentious user conflicts, a relatively confusing trail system, and natural resource protection. AMC supports DCR’s efforts to address these issues through implementation of trail and resource management plans that balance the goals of providing high quality experiences for a variety of user types with the protection of the unique natural resources found at the Fells.

AMC’s recommendations are guided by our own trail use policy as well as our interest in addressing the above issues in a manner that sets a positive precedent for resource and recreation management at other DCR properties. As a multi-sport recreation and conservation organization, AMC’s recommendations are also guided by an interest in protecting the essential experience of multiple forms of human-powered recreation. It is widely understood that mountain bike use is among the more controversial issues at the Fells. AMC members include avid mountain bikers and mountain biking is one of the many activities that can be enjoyed on our 67,000-acre property in Maine. Our chapter volunteers in particular frequently partner with the New England Mountain Bike Association for trail stewardship activities in a number of states.

AMC believes mountain biking is part of the Fells experience. As stated in our trail use policy, AMC seeks to protect existing trails, minimize user conflicts and safety concerns, encourage maintenance cooperation, promote responsible use, and accommodate new forms of recreation where consistent with AMC’s conservation and trail maintenance goals. Trail location and use decisions should use resource protection and safety as the major siting criteria. To protect the aesthetic experience of all trail uses, AMC believes that land managing agencies should consider designating single-use hiking trails, as well as single-track mountain biking trails, in addition to multi-use trails in each area or park.

Within this context, AMC offers the following comments and recommendations:

Recreational Experiences and Expectations (section 3.4)

Although it is not specifically listed as a “managed” experience, AMC’s Boston Chapter uses the Fells for map and compass/orienteering instruction. This would fall under the category of “off-trail recreation” and AMC acknowledges that this use will require a special permit to ensure that special resource areas are avoided. We strongly encourage DCR to support this type of special permit use—the Fells provides an excellent and easily accessible training ground for learning this essential outdoor skill.

In the descriptions of the types of recreational experiences, AMC suggests the following modifications to the descriptions of hiking and skiing experiences:

- While the draft plan indicates that most pedestrian users will want an experience of one to five miles (with a destination in the middle), it helps to think in terms of time spent. In a highly accessible location such as the Fells, hikers may seek to spend anywhere between an hour and a day out. A day trip could easily constitute up to eight miles, and this can be accommodated at the Fells.
- Overall, the description of the cross-country ski experience is accurate. Another factor that can diminish a cross-country ski experience, however, is the presence of boot or snowshoe tracks in ski tracks or across the entire width of the trail.
- Include families as a user group. The proximity of the Fells to its surrounding communities and its easier trail options make it a magnet for families with young children who want to give their kids an introductory experience to the outdoors. Its attractiveness for families should be supported through the trail system plan as statistics indicate that children are spending less and less time in the natural world. Families want to feel safe both in terms of who and what they will encounter on the trail and in terms of finding their way around.

Trail System Recommendations (Section 6)

Protecting Natural Resources

AMC supports the recommendations in sections 6.1 and 6.4 to protect natural resources, including actions that will also reduce the extent of and confusion within the trail system. So stakeholders can understand the full extent of the recommendations, AMC suggests that the final Trail System Plan and Resource Management Plan identify which trail segments would be closed due to being redundant or unnecessary, as well as the trail segments that would be closed or relocated to reduce impacts to sensitive natural communities.

Trail Mapping, Signage, and Reducing Trail Confusion

AMC supports the draft plan's proposal for creating updated, complete, and accurate trail maps; installing directional signage; implementing a plan to close redundant or dead-end trails, and closing or relocating trails impacting vernal pools and rare or endangered species.

Enforcement and User Education

AMC agrees that user education and enforcement will be a critical ingredient for successfully implementing improvements to trails and recreation management at the Fells. Given the history of conflict it is unrealistic to expect users to completely police themselves without escalating conflict. Although two "additional" seasonal rangers were assigned to the Fells in the last season, AMC was concerned to learn at the September 25 site visit that number of rangers available for the Fells has decreased from 13 in 2008 to just four in 2010. AMC encourages DCR to seek and assign resources for additional rangers at the Fells, especially during the initial years that the trail and resource management plans are being implemented. In addition:

- In posting trail rules and user etiquette, which AMC supports as a fundamental tool for managing some user conflict, AMC encourages DCR to include information about winter trail use etiquette, specifically recommending that foot traffic avoid ski tracks, or pedestrian travelers stay on left/skis on right.

- Trail user etiquette workshops may not prove to be effective since they depend on self-selecting individuals to attend the workshops. A “Trail Watch” volunteer program overseen by DCR could prove to be more effective. Based on AMC’s experience running an Appalachian Trail Ridgerunner program for over 20 years and an Alpine Stewardship Program in partnership with the White Mountain National Forest for 10 years, it would be important for DCR to select volunteers with strong communication skills, provide training, and provide support to address incidents or ongoing problems.

Pedestrian Trail User Experience

- The value of designating the entire Virginia Wood area as a “hiking-only” area is not apparent. It’s a very interesting and varied area, but it is a relatively small area, separated from other parts of the Fells by roads, and the user is within earshot of roads in most locations within in Virginia Wood compared to the relative quiet that can be found in many other parts of the Fells. This action would also have the impact of cutting off bike access to carriage roads that connect the areas north and south of the Fells. It may be more beneficial to instead evaluate completing an off-road mountain bike connection where the carriage road does not directly connect to the area north of Pond Road such that bikers don’t need to use the Crystal Springs Trail to make the connection. Resulting “dead-end” trails could then be closed.

- In the stakeholder input illustrated on the “Public Meeting Input Compilation” Map, the Long Pond area is shown as an important hiking loop area. Instead of designating the entire Virginia Wood area as hiking only, AMC recommends evaluating whether designation of a full loop trail around Long Pond could be done without unduly displacing other users.

- AMC strongly supports the trail plan’s recommendation to keep the Skyline Trail and Rock Circuit Trail as hiking only. These two trails were cited as favorites among our member leaders for their rugged terrain and views that make hiking in the Fells fun, and where interactions with mountain bikes are most problematic from the perspective of safety and comfort.

- Separating uses by times or days, as recommended in the draft Trail System Plan for study in the Resource Management Plan, is an undesirable solution since it would most likely only add to user confusion.

Mountain Bike Experience

- Dark Hollow Area: AMC supports the general concept of evaluating, designing and permitting 1-3 official designated single-track mountain bike/multi-use routes on existing trails in the Dark Hollow area, connecting the Bear Hill Parking area to the Sheepfold and

closing most of the “spider-web” trails. This recommendation is appropriate for early action to protect natural resources by closing the network of “spider-web” trails and to curb the illicit adult activity that occurs in the area by introducing more positive recreational use. Mountain bike use would be appropriate when the full trail design, permitting, trail improvements and closure process is complete. However, to ensure that this trail modification meets the intended goals, AMC strongly encourages DCR to concurrently coordinate with appropriate law enforcement authorities to address the illicit adult activity. Also, because it is unlikely that there is sufficient downfall in the area to brush in the spider-web trails, AMC recommends that plans for trails in the Dark Hollow area include the financial resources install temporary fencing to define the official routes, close the undesired trails, and allow natural revegetation or support the growth of transplanted native vegetation.

- **Reservoir Trail:** The draft Trail System Plan recommends immediately opening the Reservoir Trail to mountain bikes, yet also recommends that the RMP evaluate whether separating overlapping segments of the Skyline, Reservoir and Mountain Bike Loop trails is possible. These two recommendations appear to conflict and the sequence of decisions is out of sync. The stakeholder input illustrated on the “Public Meeting Input Compilation” Map also specifically indicates that the area where the Reservoir Trail, Skyline Trail, and Mountain Bike Loop already overlap is a “Bottleneck of Trail Usage and Danger to Kids.” AMC therefore believes it is premature to designate the Reservoir Trail as multi-use. This action should instead be evaluated within the context of the other multi- and single-use trail decisions that would be considered in the Resource Management Plan. It would be helpful to gather additional information about current hiking activity on the Reservoir Trail to better understand the impacts of this decision as well.
- **Winter closure:** Since the ground is generally frozen in January and February, AMC agrees that shortening the seasonal closure for mountain biking to March 1 to April 15 is reasonable. There is some concern among members about the possibility of creating a new winter conflict with bike tracks impacting the snow for skiers, however. AMC would therefore recommend experimenting with designating some ski trails, monitoring impacts, and adjusting the policy if necessary.

Off-leash Dog Experience

- AMC supports the recommendation to establish a designated off-leash dog area at the Sheepfold. Since the Sheepfold is widely used as an off-leash area now, we agree that this step makes sense for early action to more immediately reduce conflicts with non-dog owners who also enjoy the Sheepfold for picnicking, Frisbee, sledding, etc. We also recommend that this trail plan evaluate and recommend plans for dog waste management, specifically efforts to reduce the number of bags of dog waste that are simply left on the ground.

General Access for All Users

Although access and parking recommendations are not included within the trails plan, we encourage DCR to consider the public access points most accessible from public transit

when making its decisions about trail relocations and closures. One of the tremendous values of the Fells is its easy accessibility from the surrounding communities. The trail and resource management plans present an opportunity to encourage public transit through both design and user education. For example, one AMC Boston Chapter leader mentioned that an unofficial access trail from Brazil Street in Malden is the most convenient entry to the Fells from the Oak Grove T. station. This trail should be formalized and promoted rather than eliminated.

Even with public transit options, parking will still be a management consideration, and trailhead plans should be included in the Trail System Plan or Resource Management Plan. One Boston Chapter leader mentions that parking in the Pine Hill area, for example, gets over capacity and should be evaluated.

Volunteerism and Stewardship

The draft Trail System Plan cites several tasks where AMC would be a potential partner. As always, AMC would be willing to provide both volunteer and professional assistance for trail stewardship and protecting natural resources from the impacts of recreational use. Based on the current status of decisions around the Trail System Plan and the pending Resource Management Plan, as well as conflicts over use and trail designations, volunteers of the Boston Chapter Trail Committee would be most comfortable undertaking projects like trail closures once the full set of trail decisions has been established and user education has begun—most likely organizing work parties in 2012.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Heather Clish
Deputy Director of Conservation

From: Charlene Band [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails System Plan

To whom it may concern:

I have learned the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is proposing major changes for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. As a result of these changes, several important hiking trails within the Fells will be opened up for mountain biking; most remaining Fells biking trails will be converted to bike-use in the not too distant future; and biking will be allowed in seasons where muddy conditions lead to environmental damage. These aggressive changes will negatively impact this beautiful property and will lessen the enjoyment of hikers and walkers.

The Fells were designed in the late 1890s by Charles Elliott and Olmstead Brothers, noted and respected landscape architects. It was their objective to create a peaceful landscape of trees, native species and wildlife that would be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. The historical significance of the Fells is confirmed by their listing on both the State and National Register of Historic Places. The Fells are a valuable resource and must be protected.

Please do not change Fells trail usage until after completion of a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan. A Resource Management Plan will consider environmental and safety impacts of opening hiking trails to bike use, and would include plans for enforcement of all regulations to protect Fells resources and visitors. This is essential to protect Fells plant and wildlife, and to ensure the safety of everyone who enjoys the Fells. Most importantly, the Fells provide children with an opportunity to learn about nature – these opportunities are quickly disappearing as a result of the development of open land in Middlesex County.

I trust changes in trail use proposed by the Fells Trails Plan will only be considered as part of a full Resource Management Plan, a legally mandated public process.

Respectfully,

Charlene Band

Winchester MA 01890

From: Ron Sender [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan Comment

Hi,

I'm writing about my concern for the future of the Fells, the wonderful nearby reservation where I have gone for many peaceful walks over the years.

I'm on the Bicycle Advisory Committee of my town, and commute (as I have done for many decades) almost entirely by bicycle. I'm a strong advocate for cycling -- on streets or bike trails. I've frequently ridden *to* the Fells. But I choose not to ride *in* the Fells.

I have, of course, fairly often met off-road cyclists in the Fells. More often than not, they are polite and friendly. Often they yield to pedestrians, and ride on fairly gentle trails, where cycling is explicitly allowed..

But I have, more often than I'd like, seen (or quickly stepped out of the way of) cyclists going down steep, rocky, tree-root-exposed narrow trails. Usually those trails have already

been substantially eroded by bicycles (judging by the tracks). Often these are trails where cycling is forbidden. There seems to be no enforcement of rules prohibiting such behavior on the restricted trails.

I'm concerned about the future of the Fells if there is a substantial increase in the number of trails cyclists can use, especially without any well-defined management plan. We know that the environment is easily and quickly damaged, but much more slowly repaired. And people certainly shouldn't have to be on alert to jump out of the way on a moment's notice when looking at a plant, as my herbalist daughter likes to do, or when quietly watching a bird, as I do, because a biker likes to charge down narrow, steep trails, even when explicitly forbidden.

I'm not opposed to all cycling in the Fells, and a well-thought-out, limited, gradual increase in amount of trail where cycling is allowed should certainly be considered. But please don't change trail usage until a comprehensive Fells Resource Management Plan is completed, one that would carefully look at environmental and safety impacts of more cycling on more trails. And please include, in any plan, provision for enforcement of whatever restrictions are created.

Thank you.

Ron Sender

Arlington, MA 02476

From: John Kramer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on draft Trails Plan

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

I am a resident of Malden and I am in the southeastern corner of the Middlesex Fells with a leashed dog for over an hour every day. It is one of the least used parts of the Fells, as it is a narrow and consistently rocky area with few parking areas nearby. As a result, the area is remarkably untouched. This has advantages and disadvantages. The signage is terrible. Fallen tree trunks block almost all trails. Monday mornings in the summer reveal dozens of beer cans and mid-trail fires from nighttime parties on the weekend. In the spring, trails with any slope at all are stream beds. Steep trails remained gouged and rock strewn. In the dry weather, numerous peat fires go almost entirely unchecked, stopped mostly by the fire breaks posed by trails. In two years of multiple daily visits, I have never seen a ranger or police officer.

And I love it. I feel so lucky to have access to such a wild area. I am deeply interested in plants and animals and spend time birdwatching, observing animal tracks in winter, and

marveling at wild dogwoods, witch-hazel, and lady slippers, and the calls of spring peepers and coyotes. It is a precious, precious resource and must not be treated lightly.

About the bikers: very mixed feelings. I don't like seeing them on the smaller trails, or creating jumps on the bigger ones. But I do believe they care about maintaining the trails. I do not approve of greatly expanding trails they can use. Since there are no resources to enforce existing rules, however, this may not matter much. Almost everything a biker does except get exercise while breathing fresh air is antithetical to the ways in which I like to enjoy the woods. Trails must be limited.

About the men having sex in the Sheepfold area: it's crazy. I'm a gay man, and understand the historical need in our culture for some gathering places for men who are otherwise ostracized by mainstream culture. But this activity here is a sign that it's already an area deemed unsafe or unmaintained. Even the barest amount of law enforcement in the area would probably discourage such activity.

Dogs should be leashed throughout the Fells, except in designated areas. Formalizing an off-leash area at the Sheepfold would be good idea.

I did some research on the Sheepfold as part of my participation in the recent Dance in the Fells event. The area has been used for public band concerts, for producing vegetables during WWI, as a soap box racetrack, etc. We can be purists about these things, but need to adapt to the needs of the day.

In general, I would ask that you not make any changes to plans for the Fells without getting a complete Resource Management Plan. This is the least you can do.

Thanks very much.

J O H N K R A M E R

██████████ Malden, MA 02148

From: Ricky Stern [██████████]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:55 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please do not create trails until...

TO: DCR – Fells Trails Plan Comments

FR: Dr. Ricky S. Stern
██████████ Sharon, MA02067

I am writing to strongly re that you not go ahead with the Fells Trails Plan until a full, balanced and comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been conducted. To do anything less is to encourage and allow even more trail damage from reckless biking.

Please keep me informed as this process unfolds and thank you for truly protecting our Middlesex Fells. I know that there are always competing needs in any green area but, given the numbers of people using these spaces, protection is more important than ever. Please allow the more robust planning process to continue and wait for its recommendations.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Dr. Ricky S. Stern
S/S

[your name here]

Dr. Ricky S. Stern
Executive Director
"e" inc.
the environmental learning and action center

From: James McCaffrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:58 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Sierra Club Comments on Fells Trails Plan
Attachments: Sierra_Fells_TSP_111810.pdf

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Attached and below as text. If we find any typos we may submit a corrected version.

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT THANK YOU. ALSO SENT VIA US MAIL.

James McCaffrey

November 18, 2010

Paul Jahnige
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Re: Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

On behalf of the Sierra Club we submit the following comments on the Draft Trail System Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. As you are aware, the Club is opposed to the Middlesex Fell Trail System Plan (TSP) serving as a substitute for a comprehensive Resource Management Plan (RMP) as required by statute for all properties managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). We have communicated with DCR, and directly with the Governor, on these matters and all Sierra Club and joint coalition statements are referenced here for inclusion in the official administrative record.

The Sierra Club's founding is deeply rooted in the protection of the public trust, and the Middlesex Fells Reservation has twice been featured in national Sierra Club literature highlighting our nation's most treasured – and threatened – places. We have a long history of working to protect public lands across the commonwealth, as well as advocating for DCR and for the necessary resources for the agency to carry out its mission, including protection of our natural resources and recreational access. It would be unfortunate for degradation of the Fells to undermine DCR's legacy of open space and parklands protection.

A Trail System Plan is not a Resource Management Plan

Despite DCR's continued assertion that a Trail System Plan is a "chapter" of an RMP, and "incorporates the same available natural and cultural resource information as a DCR RMP", we do not agree, nor does DCR's claim hold up under either scrutiny or DCR's own public statements. A Trail System Plan does not provide the proper framework and data necessary to make significant changes in management of the resource. Most notably the TSP does not apply Land Stewardship Zoning Guidelines, as required by statute, to assess the impact on the property of management decisions.

DCR has been nothing short of arbitrary on this matter. On one hand DCR admits that a Trail System Plan is not an RMP, and then attempts to assert that it is a component of an RMP and therefore nothing would change even if an RMP was being conducted instead. Subsequently DCR has agreed to conduct an RMP and then stated a Trail System Plan "provides for more detailed and specific recommendations" than an RMP. We fail to see how a component of a plan can be "more detailed and specific" than the very RMP it will ultimately become a component of? More importantly, the TSP is silent on how DCR will respond to new information gathered as part of the more comprehensive RMP process if DCR has already made decisions based on the earlier, and inferior, Trail System Plan.

Comprehensive resource management planning is essential to sound stewardship of our public lands. Ten years ago, in a similar public lands management dispute, the Sierra Club sought relief from the highest court in the Commonwealth to uphold this principle. This effort failed to achieve the desired outcome. The Sierra Club then worked closely with the legislature to correct the deficiencies in law that enabled that ruling. The statutory requirements of publicly reviewed comprehensive Resource Management Plans for all DCR properties, their approval by the DCR Stewardship Council, and the agency's requirement to comply with these plans, are a direct result of our efforts. Massachusetts General Law Ch. 21, Sections 2F & 2G provide a credible framework to guide the sensible stewardship of our public lands, but only if these laws are adhered to and plans are adopted for all properties as required by the statute. Quite simply, no such plan exists for the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and DCR's actions undermine and betray the intent and spirit of the laws designed to protect our public lands.

M.G.L. c. 21, §2F states that the DCR Commissioner shall submit management plans to the Stewardship Council for the Council's adoption with respect to all reservations, parks, and forests under the department's management which shall include "guidelines for the operation and land stewardship". This implies that all major projects must proceed in accordance with a plan adopted by the Council. Any major changes in the trails would require further Council approval, particularly when the change would impact on the "resource protection" of the reservation.

A Resource Management Plan looks at all uses for all areas of a property, both cultural and social, and considers a much greater spectrum of issues than a Trail System Plan. According to DCR's own documents on developing trails,

"Resource management planning forms the framework for land management based upon an inventory and assessment of environmental and recreational resources, an identification of the unique characteristics of a property or management unit, the development of clear management goals and objectives, and an implementation plan to guide the short and long-term actions. Management plans include guidelines for operations and land stewardship, provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources, and ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection, and sustainable forest management."

The Sierra Club believes that protection of the resource should trump user group access, in order to ensure the long-term health of the property and to continue to provide a full range of eco-system services and future opportunities and for all recreational use. A damaged resource is of little use to any constituency. DCR must take actions to protect the resource and the safety of visitors prior to expansion of use or designation of any further trails as "Multi-use".

History of Correspondence and Requests for an RMP and a revised planning process

On May 28, 2010 several environmental groups wrote to DCR, objecting to the trails planning process, citing deficiencies in the plan itself, and noting our objections to several

elements in the TSP that called for designation of existing trails as multi-use. Our correspondence at the time made three very simple requests:

1. Increase enforcement and monitoring at the Fells to reduce user conflict and address safety concerns from user conflicts and illegal activities, including closing illegal trails and increasing signage and education at the property for the benefit all users.
2. Suspend the Fells Trail System Plan and instead conduct a more comprehensive RMP, as quickly as possible, to gather information about what changes or expansion of use may be appropriate for the property.
3. Develop guidelines to inform the public about what kind of expansions or changes in use at a property may be contemplated or necessary, in the absence of an RMP for a property.

The third item strikes at the very heart of the controversy at the Fells. On September 28th, Commissioner Sullivan responded to our letter, stating that DCR would be undertaking a Resource Management Plan, but would not be suspending the trails planning process. The Commissioner went on to say that guidelines were unnecessary because DCR's "Trail Guidelines and Best Practices Manual... serves as our guidelines for trail management activities." However, the referenced Trail Guidelines and Best Practices Manual requires that all "trail development and management must be consistent with the agency's resource management plans." There is no Management plan for the Fells, so it is therefore impossible for the Trail System Plan to be "consistent with" something that does not exist.

DCR's Trails Plan violates Recommendations of the Forest Futures Visioning Process

The process has been less than clear and transparent as recommended by the Forest Futures Visioning Process conducted in 2010 and approved by the Secretary of Energy Environmental Affairs. Our organization perceives the process to be fundamentally flawed because although DCR acquiesced in agreeing with us to produce a Resource Management Plan for the Property, it is proceeding ahead of that plan with elements that specifically led us to request such an RMP in the first place. In other words, DCR will now undertake an RMP that may be potentially meaningless when complete because it is already influenced by agency decisions that pre-date the RMP. Recommendations to expand or increase access for any user group should be made in the context of an RMP, not the more limited Trail System Plan. Ultimately, the public perceives the Trails Plan as DCR's rationalization to expand usage for recreational groups at the Fells, and there is little evidence to suggest otherwise.

Sierra Club and Off Road Use of Bicycles

Although the Club has stated in written communications and at public meetings numerous times that we are not opposed to mountain-biking where appropriate, our policy

has been misquoted, misrepresented, and distorted by special interest groups not affiliated with our organization. Therefore, we will clarify for DCR that policy here.

Sierra Club Policy on Off Road Use of Bicycles state the use should not be allowed where it would cause the following measurable effects. This list is not all-inclusive.

1. Significant soil erosion or significant damage to streams or fish habitat.
2. Rutting, impairment of trail drainage, breakdown of trail shoulders, and other forms of damage not correctable using U.S. Forest Service trail maintenance standards and techniques.
3. Significant disturbance of plants or animals or their habitat.
4. Danger to the safety of bicyclists or other users because of bicycle speed, steep grades, steep terrain, sharp curves, slippery or unstable trail surfaces, or limited visibility. See Appendix D for design features that can improve safety.
5. Significant displacement or annoyance of other non-motorized users.
6. Damage to archaeological, scientific, historical, or other significant resources, including rare natural features of interest for scientific study.

Without conducting a comprehensive Resource Management Plan, DCR simply can not assess these items, especially item 6. Therefore, all mountain bike usage at the Fells, as approved by DCR, is currently in direct violation of Sierra Club policy on Off Road Use of Bicycles, primarily because DCR has failed to:

1. Promulgate effective implementing regulations where impacts are sufficiently low that vehicle use is appropriate.
2. DCR has been unable to monitor trails and areas designated for vehicular use to detect environmental damage or user interference inconsistent with the above criteria.

Where this occurs, Sierra Club policy clearly states that the trail or area must be closed to vehicles including off road bicycles unless effective corrective regulations are enforced.

The Massachusetts Chapter has not yet called for closure of all mountain bike trails at the Fells because we are hopeful that a quick and comprehensive RMP process can achieve a balance where such usage can continue, as appropriate and determined through the RMP process, and without unacceptable degradation to the resource. This would include establishment of a sufficient monitoring and enforcement plan including:

- Identify the impacts being monitored, including impacts to water quality, soils, wildlife, flora, and other users (accidents, injuries, enjoyment of the trail).
- Establish quantitative and qualitative measurement scales for impacts.
- Establish impact thresholds which, if reached, trigger correction or closure of the trail to bicycles.
- Establish a schedule for monitoring activities.
- Establish a written reporting system.
- Train personnel to follow the monitoring program (Reliable trained persons from user groups may be used to supplement monitoring by staff.)
- Specify baseline inventories to allow for monitoring of trends.
- Secure the resources to carry out the monitoring plan.

- The best enforcement of regulations will come from regular patrolling combined with effective education and an active monitoring program.

Many of the items outlined above can be implemented in order to better handle off road bicycle use at the Fells. We therefore encourage DCR, as requested multiple times, to suspend the trails planning process and proceed with enforcement and on-the-ground closures of illegal trails. We further request that DCR proceed as quickly as possible with a Resource Management Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation in order to address user conflicts, assess the full cultural and natural resources at the property, and proceed quickly with the re-opening of appropriate trail for all user groups effected by DCR's failure to manage the Fells properly.

Best Regards,
James McCaffrey
Director, Massachusetts Sierra Club

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From: Mike Ryan
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Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation

To: Fells Trails Plan
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Northhampton MA 01060

Please review my comments attached below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike

Mike Ryan
Executive Director
Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Protecting the nature of the Middlesex Fells Reservation for this and future generations: Fells Trails System Plan Comments

There are two visions for the Fells: Continue to serve as a Reservation where ecosystems are valued and protected for the appreciation and enjoyment of visitors; or...
...the other vision is represented in the DCR Fells Trails System Plan which proposes no plan for effective protective measures for natural resources. On the contrary, Fells flora and fauna, and visitors' ability to enjoy natural features, would be threatened by the Trails Plan which is a blueprint for the mountain bike community's long stated goals of converting the 116 year old Middlesex Fells Reservation into a bike recreation center leading to unrestricted access on all 2500 acres. These goals have been forcefully articulated by bike groups ever since biking was permitted in the Fells two decades ago. The DCR Fells Trails System Plan would remove managerial impediments to achieving the goal of bike-use everywhere in the Fells Reservation.

The biking community knew that as long as the Fells was considered by its managing agency to be a Reservation – a protected area managed primarily for its ecosystem's flora and fauna, while also preserving features of geological, historical and cultural significance, all of which can be appreciated and enjoyed by visitors – there would be little chance bikes would be given the green light to take over most or all of the foot paths they desired.

Paradigm shift The bike community's hoped-for paradigm shift came when DCR assigned its Recreational Trails Director to lead the effort to draft a Plan to convert the majority of Fells Reservation foot paths to bike-use by circumventing mandates for environmental protection requiring full scale Resource Management Plans to protect resources and visitors.

This marked a dramatic reversal of the 1989 MDC Policy Directive which created 35 miles of Fells bike trails on the basis of appropriate uses so as to protect natural features and to safeguard the majority of visitors ability to experience the nature of the Fells in quiet and safety.

The DCR Recreational Trails Director and his staff drafted a Plan which could have easily been written by the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) and the bike industry it is associated with. Indeed, the Plan is now being promoted worldwide by IMBA and affiliated bike groups and the bike industry as well. The Plan includes cut and pasted bike lobby propaganda, passed off as 'scientific studies' in the Plan denying the obvious truth that machines interacting with soils, plant and animal habitats leave greater impacts, and tend to displace those seeking passive recreational opportunities. These truths, plus the direct on the ground evidence clearly seen in the Fells Reservation with its thin and rocky soils and steep paths, have all been summarily dismissed by the Trails Plan Director on numerous occasions.

What is equally disturbing is that the Trails Plan framers have been allowed by the Commissioner to substitute equal-impacts propaganda for DCR's own bike-impact guidelines included in a 2010 DCR resource planning document:

Bicycle Riding

"Regulations restrict bicycle riding to designated areas of DCR-Watershed property. The intensive use of trails for biking, if not properly constructed or maintained on a regular basis, can cause severe erosion. Heavy bicycle usage can also be incompatible with walking and nature observation. Additional policing is needed to monitor both permitted bicycling and illegal off-trail riding, and to prevent erosion. Due to limited resources for management of public access, recreational use, and user conflicts, DCR does not allow bicycle use on DCR-Watershed lands in the Sudbury System.

(Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed 2010 Public Access Plan Update, p.20)

Solitude As part of the DCR Fells Trails Plan paradigm shift towards intense recreation the Plan states categorically that the Fells is not a place where the quality of 'solitude' can be found very often, because the Reservation is not a "wilderness" but rather is a "well-used urban park."

"Occasionally finding solitude

The experience of finding a moment of solitude in the Fells is special – a moment to revel in the glory of nature, to reflect on one's own existence, to meditate or pray – these are moments to be savored and cherished. Such moments are enhanced by the diversity and beauty of the Fells landscape, and diminished by intrusions of the outside world.

However, the Fells is a popular and heavily used destination. It is not a wilderness area. While users may be able to find moments of solitude in the Fells at certain places, seasons or times of the day, users should not necessarily expect to find solitude in all instances, nor expect that moments of solitude might not be disturbed by other users." (Fells Trails Plan, p.28)

This reveals a complete failure of the Plan to comprehend that visitors experiencing the solitude of the amazing variety of nature of the Fells is the most common experience, and the one which for generations has attracted visitors, including families, to come back again and again. Solitude in nature is not broken when one encounters others, as stated in the Plan; solitude is broken when fast moving machines threaten the safety of trail walkers. Or when off leash dogs threaten harm.

It is astounding that in an attempt to deny these truths, the Trails Plan denies its own printed survey results which reported that the majority of Fells visitor respondents (67%) stated that they "enjoyed solitude" in the Fells.

(Plan, p. 15)

The disturbing irony is that the Trails Plan itself would hasten the day when the Fells truly no longer functions as a Reservation. True loss of solitude and safety will occur as the speed and volume of the new influx of bike riders allowed on hiking trails will greatly

diminish the ability of visitors to enjoy nature in quiet and safety. Displacement of trail walkers from visiting the Fells will be the result.

This will happen in three stages:

A: initial walking trail conversions proposed in the Plan, p. 47 and passim;

B: additional walking trail conversions proposed in the Plan, following a streamlined RMP ("Trails Plan a stand alone component of RMP");

C: No Limitations on Increased Bike Use: No Control of Increased Destination Point Riding: New Legal Trails become Feeder Bike Trails to All Other Trails and Off Trail Riding.

Legacy of no-enforcement The Fells Trails Plan does not include means for effective enforcement measures to protect Fells resources and visitors. With no consequences in place for breaking rules the Fells Trails Plan will mean as a major new bike-use destination even greater numbers of bike riders will ride wherever they choose, including off-trails and onto sensitive habitats. The Trails Plan offers no plans for Rangers or State Police to give citations for infractions of regulations designed to protect nature and safety of visitors. The Plan's deceptive talk about self-enforcement and a slap in the face for visitors expecting quality experiences, for example, consider this Trails Plan comment letter sent on October 4th 2010, by the director of Bay State Kids Outdoors:

"The Fells is a gem. Truly. But the Fells Management needs to decide if it wants kids and families to visit. If the state continues to wink at reckless dog ownership and free for all bikers we'll stop going. We have cars and can go where we please. My sympathy rests with those who can't drive to NH and who count on the Fells for easy access to nature."
Sincerely, Brian McBride Bay State Kids Outdoors

Consider this statement from a March 9, 2010, letter to Commissioner Sullivan by John Clarke, Mass Audubon Society Director of Public Policy & Government Relations;

"Over the past twenty years, the amount of mountain bike riding in the Reservation continually increased and the amount of resource damage and conflicts with other users has also increased. The promised self-enforcement by bikers proved ineffective, and state agency staffing to enforce the rules has decreased along with budgets..... Any opening of additional trails or improved access by mountain bikes to "underutilized" areas will not reduce the damage by spreading out the use; on the contrary that will only expand the damage into areas that have escaped the most serious impacts to date. This scenario has played out several times over the past two decades, each time in response to requests for completion of loop trails for bikes or access to new and more interesting riding experiences. Each time the result has been the same – the problems have increased rather than diminished...."

Un-inclusive process Most Fells visitors are not aware of DCR Fells Trails process and what is at stake for the future of the Reservation. DCR has not done adequate outreach. So called "stakeholder" meetings convened by the Trails Plan directors do not include Fells area Conservation Commissions, bird clubs, water supply Public Works Departments (Winchester Reservoirs), MWRA officials, etc.. A full scale Resource Management Plan process must include all categories of visitors to the Fells.

Special interest group The heart of the Fells Trails Plan is to 'Improve Mountain Biking Trail User Experience' to the detriment of all other visitors and nature. Conversion of the Fells reservation to benefit a special interest group is not right.

The Fells Trails Plan would cement this special bike user relationship by elevating bike groups to become the de facto field managers in the Fells, as a way for the agency to essentially 'privatize' the Reservation's trails and field operations.

The Trails Plan proposes that DCR, ""Develop trail stewardship Memoranda of Agreement (MOA's) with stewardship partners. These MOA's will outline roles, responsibilities, permitting requirements and expectations with each partner and establish a process for developing and reviewing an annual trail stewardship workplace." (Plan, p.41)

Since this MOA will be predicated upon acceptance of bikes throughout the Fells foot trails, no conservation group will sign on as a 'partner.'

The only "partners" for Fells programs such as 'Trail Ambassadors', 'Trail Watch' and Fells-wide trail building (conversion of hiking paths to bike trails) will be the bike groups.

Manipulated process To misrepresent the level of interest in biking in the Fells Reservation the Plan process inflates the suggestion that "Stakeholder/User Input" is demanding bike use by tallying votes coming in from far and wide, now being generated by bike organizations and the industry. As mentioned above: there is an international campaign to flood the DCR Fells Trails Plan process with pro-biking comments.

The International Mountain Bike Association has posted a link to the New England Mountain Bike Association website where individuals from anywhere in the world can record comments on biking in the Fells. NEMBA will then forward these to the DCR Fells Trails Plan as public comments promoting the expansion of riding onto the majority of Fells Reservation walking trails.

Mountain bike companies and industrial websites such as Ride Monkey, Down-Hill-Bikes, Souhegan Cycleworks, Crankfire, Konaworld and more, have also posted links to dramatically pump up the comments to be sent in to the Trails Plan, one site telling respondents that, "Your support comments will go directly to DCR."

Certainly bike groups and companies are free to do what they want in this regard. However, what is troubling is that those in charge of the DCR Fells Trails System Plan process appear to give great credence and prominence to recording raw numbers of pro-biking comments in order to support the plan to convert the Fells Reservation foot paths into bike routes.

Inflating pro-Fells bike-use numbers by adding comments sent nationally and even internationally, by individuals who do not even know where the Fells is located — let alone how current bike-use has seriously impacted natural resources — will dramatically skew the results which will be reported by the Fells Trails Plan. This seems highly unethical and such grossly inflated numbers as indicative of legitimate stakeholder comments.

Chart: DCR Fells Trails System Plan, Figure 10, p. 20; Note that despite DCR Trails Plan survey results showing that "respondents most often hiked (90%), enjoyed solitude

(67%)..." (Trails Plan, p. 15) the inflated 'Stakeholder/User Input' number cited below would have the reader believe that Fells visitors have an overwhelming interest in increasing bike use in the Fells Reservation. Now the bike groups have created an aggressive national and international campaign to inflate this count in a dramatic fashion to skew the results even further.

Alienating environmental stewards The Trails Plan has ignored repeated requests by the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon, the Environmental League and Environment Mass that a Resource Management Plan process be conducted before changes in Fells trails policies are implemented.

"The immediate priority must be on halting further damage (and) curtailment of illegal activities..." [Mass Audubon letter to Commissioner Sullivan, March 9, 2010] "The first priority should be closing of unapproved and illegal trails, improved signage and education, and enforcement of the existing rules. DCR should clearly demonstrate the capacity to deal with unapproved use and conflicts before implementing broad expanded use." [ELM, Environment Massachusetts, Mass Audubon, Sierra Club letter to Commissioner Sullivan, May 28, 2010]

The Trails Plan directors have broken the trust and confidence of DCR environmental and stakeholder partners.

Oversight Bike use in the Fells Reservation in 1989 was conditioned upon there being oversight, enforcement and compliance with Reservation bike regulations to protect natural resources and visitors.

Demonstration of DCR capacity to deal with unapproved trail uses must be the basis for evaluating expanded uses under RMP process. How will illegal trails stay closed? How will enforcement of existing regulations, be carried out? How will Fells natural resources be protected? How will "Enforce "On Trail On Leash!" policy" actually be enforced?

The burden of proof is on the agency following twenty years of oversight failure and rampant non-compliance.

How will the new bike riding influxes be prevented from creating even more habitat fragmentation and damage to Priority Natural Communities, Rare and Endangered Species & Habitats, water quality, Vernal Pools? "Dense trail networks (which) can disrupt breeding birds, create lethal barriers to amphibian movement, and compact forest soils, among other impacts to general biodiversity." [Lynn Harper, Habitat Protection Specialist Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program; Fells Trails Plan Appendix F]

Saving the Fells as a Reservation? Halt the Fells Trails System Plan
Begin a comprehensive Resource Management Plan process

"We respectfully request that you direct DCR to immediately halt the Middlesex Fells Trails Planning process and any expansion of recreational uses or newly authorized uses of trails proposed therein. Please direct DCR to instead proceed with a comprehensive Resource Management Plan, consistent with the DCR management planning statute, to address both resource protection and all recreational uses at the Middlesex Fells Reservation."

(Mass Sierra Club letter to Governor Deval Patrick, November 5, 2010)

Fells Reservation Resource Management Plan (RMP) as required by Mass general law [Ch. 21] requiring DCR 'to exercise general care and oversight of the natural resources of the Commonwealth.'

"Management plans shall include guidelines for operations and land stewardship, provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources, and ensure consistency between recreation and resource protection..."

Mike Ryan Executive Director Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, November 19, 2010

The DCR Fells Trails System Plan proposals if implemented would threaten the continuation of the Fells as a Reservation. The Trails Plan calls for greatly expanded bike riding throughout the Fells beyond the 35 miles of currently permitted bike trails, based on the claim that bike riders have inherent rights to ride on the majority walking paths because bike impacts on ecosystems and other visitors are "similar" to those of all other park visitors (Trails Plan, p.31) This claim is demonstrably false. The physics of machine use in nature, abundant on-the-ground Fells environmental impact evidence, and decades of Fells visitor experiences, leads to the conclusion that bike-use impacts on nature and visitors must be fully recognized by DCR. The agency must uphold its primary function to protect the natural features of the Fells so the entire area can continue to serve as a protected natural oasis Reservation for quality visitor experiences. Asymmetrical bike-use environmental and visitor impacts stemming from the following points have been denied, ignored or marginalized by the DCR Fells Trails System Plan.

Distance: Bike speed greatly magnifies range of physical impacts

Walker: 3 – 5 miles per hour

Biker: 15 – 20 miles per hour

Bikes travel at least 3 to 5 times faster – and farther – than hikers.

Distance covered: Bikes travel exponentially far greater distances per each visit compared to hikers – much greater distance equals much greater resource impacts compared to hikers.

Mountain bikers frequently advertise rides of 20-50 miles or more. Have you ever tried to walk that far in a day? Widespread bike use in the Fells Reservation proposed by the DCR Fells Trails Plan would greatly expand human presence, amplifying destructive resource impacts, driving wildlife further from the resources needed to survive, including water, food, and mates.

Soil compression = greater resource impacts

The weight of the bike, the weight of a rider, and the power exerted by the moving bike are concentrated on a small tread print of just over 5 square inches. Hikers' footprint impacts are spread more evenly across trails, but bike treads create V-shaped grooves which act as water channels and increase erosion dramatically.

Traction: acceleration and skidding

To avoid rocks in the pathway bike riders seek traction on the sides of trails, creating gullies while destroying vegetation on ever-wider edges of the trails. Hikers are comfortable navigating on and through rocky environments, unlike bike riders. This is the main reason why hiking trails become dramatically wider once bike usage has been introduced.

Trail Widening

Creation of 'half moons' where bikers ride up on the embankments of trails, killing all vegetation, widening trails, adding immeasurably to erosion. Depending on width and slope of the trail, this damage can increase erosion by 3 to 8 times or more. Evidence of the horizontal sheering forces of bike use on soil is seen in deep skid marks from stops, starts and turns. Conditions of hiking trails with bike access will be altered to accommodate to the needs of mechanized users.

Habitat destruction: plant and animal life

A hiker must be very careful not to accidentally step on small animals and plants on the trail. For a mountain biker, it is almost impossible to avoid killing animals and plants on and under the trail. They have to pay attention to controlling the bike, and when traveling fast can't afford to look carefully at what is on the trail. And even if they happen to see, for example, a snake, it is hard for them to stop in time to avoid killing it.

Habitat destruction: riding in stream beds and vernal pools

A hiker, when crossing a stream, will try to avoid getting wet, by crossing on stepping stones or logs. Mountain bikers, on the other hand, simply ride right through stream beds, crushing any animals or plants that happen to be there. Mountain biking magazines are full of photos of mountain bikers throwing up spray, as they barrel through creeks. Not only do bikes destroy animals and plants as they ride across streams, they ride through streams and vernal pools stirring up sediment. The sediment in the water interferes with the oxygen uptake by aquatic life, for example, killing fish and frog eggs. Young fish, insects, amphibians, and aquatic microorganisms are extremely sensitive to sediment in water.

Habitat destruction: Off trail 'Free-riding'

Habitat destruction increases dramatically when bikers commonly 'free-ride' off trails in the Fells unimpeded by a total lack of DCR bike-use enforcement. BECAUSE THE DCR FELS TRAILS SYSTEM PLAN INCLUDES NO EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF 'STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS' REGULATIONS, BIKERS WILL CONTINUE TO RIDE WHEREVER THEY PLEASE. The Trails Plan identifies some of the Fells Reservation's natural features yet offers no effective enforcement plan to protect any of them, for example avoiding environmental impacts to vernal pools. On the contrary, greatly expanding bike-use throughout the Fells Reservation would magnify impacts on these ecosystem resources.

Visitor outlook: Loss of natural recreational experience, threats to hiker safety

While hikers enter trails to enjoy the qualities of natural surroundings, mountain bikers often wish to conquer nature; the trails are seen as an obstacle course. Mountain bike design is based on maximizing the ability to impact nature with the greatest force and speed. Pushing the limits of mountain bike design becomes the challenge for many bike riders; long distance riding and negotiating technical riding challenges are not conducive to a close inspection of flora and fauna. Note that the Trails Plan authors reject these obvious truths: ‘...most users on mountain bikes desire to connect with nature and experience diverse landscapes and destinations in the same way that other users do.’ (Trails Plan, p. 26)

By contrast hikers “...often are seeking the opposite in fact, an environment with solitude, free of the arousing stimuli of our everyday world. Because of their physiological difference, the hikers are typically startled by the sudden appearance of a mountain bike and take some time to recover a non-aroused state. This response is exacerbated in those who have had narrow escapes with mountain bikes. This asymmetry of responses means that the hikers are much more upset with the presence of bicyclists than the bicyclists are with hikers. The hikers also have good reason to be concerned for their safety, because people have been killed by being hit by mountain bikes at speeds less than 10 mph and yet 15mph is generally accepted as OK among the bikers and that speed is often exceeded by the more skilled.” [Safetrails.net: http://www.safetrails.net/bkr_psych.asp]

Displacement: Loss of the Fells as a visitors’ Reservation destination

Mountain biking is driving the very young and old off of the trails and hence out of the Fells Reservation.

“Heavy bicycle usage can also be incompatible with walking and nature observation.”
(Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed 2010 Public Access Plan Update, DCR, p. 20)

Trail users who are rendered most vulnerable are slow-moving and personally exposed hikers, including families. As more trails are open to bike-use, segments of the hiking community, including older and younger hikers, abandon them due to aesthetic and safety concerns.

September 15, 2010

Dear Mr. Sullivan, As Medford residents, my family and I frequently hike throughout the Fells, and numerous times I have had to quickly push my young daughters (aged 4 & 6) from the trail because of approaching mountain bikes.

Wendy Pfaffenbach

Medford Mass

September 16, 2010

Hello Mr. Sullivan , I enjoy a good bike ride and I also enjoy a peaceful, quiet walk in the woods with my dog. As I get older, more of the later. Please keep these activities segregated and keep the Fells safe for hikers. There are plenty of legal bike trails there already. Please don't turn the Fells into a mountain bike park, grind up the landscape and drive out all the hikers. That would be just awful. Thank you for your attention.

Bill Hanlon Melrose Mass

Many land management agencies such as The Trustees of Reservations and Mass Audubon limit bike riding access to ensure protection of natural features. But the DCR Trails Plan would open the entire Fells Reservation to bike use based on the deception that bike riding impacts are identical to boots on trails and the fiction that bikers have an "equal right" to ride on foot paths. This is in contradiction to DCR's mission to manage for quality recreational experiences for all park visitors.

Conclusion

There can be no doubt that bike riding results in immeasurably more damage than walking on foot paths in the Middlesex Fells, and displaces those who seek to experience nature. This physical reality – and impacts upon hikers and other visitors – must be realized when management decisions and policies, including provisions for enforcement, are made regarding bike-use in the Fells Reservation. This is why a full scale Fells Reservation Resource Management Plan process involving all Fells stakeholder groups and individuals must evaluate -- and precede consideration of any implementation of -- the significant trail usage changes proposed by the DCR Fells Trails System Plan proposals.

From: Ellen McBride [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 5:12 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Comment - Resource Management Plan

Dear Mr. Jahnige,

I simply have one comment regarding the Fells. Please do not make any changes to anything until you complete a Resource Management Plan. It just make sense. It is the prudent thing to do. All people who use the Fells appreciate it for its beauty. Walkers, hikers, bikers...etc. Everyone will applaud the careful evaluation and consideration of this vast, wonderful woodland before making any changes.

Thanks for all you do to protect our environment for future generations.

Ellen McBride
[REDACTED] Stoneham MA 02180

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 5:18 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Please support a comprehensive plan

Good afternoon,

I am writing you to encourage you to not go ahead with the Fells Trails Plan until a full comprehensive resource management plan has been conducted. The Fells is a very valuable

resource for many reasons as you know, and a balanced management plan is key for its survival as a resource for all of us.

Please keep me updated on your progress on the support and protection of the Middlesex Fells.

Thank you,

Mary Finn
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Manning, Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 5:56 PM
To: Fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us
Subject: Preserve the Middlesex Fells!

Dear Department of Conservation and Recreation,

Please do not open up more of the Middlesex Fells to mountain bike use without conducting a comprehensive Resource Management Plan! I enjoy hiking in the Fells on a regular basis and am concerned that more damage to the trails and off-trail areas will result from careless biking. The responsible thing would be to carry out an RMP to consider the impact that more mountain biking would have on this precious green space before it is too late.

Thank you very much,

Karen A. Manning

Staff Assistant
Division of Asian and Mediterranean Art

From: Barry Kesselman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 6:03 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Cc: friends@fells.com
Subject: Safety and Serenity In the Middlesex Fells

To the DRC,

I have lived in Medford at the edge of the Middlesex Fells for nearly 30 years and venture into the Fells a few times every week. I ride a mountain bike, run the trails, ski, bird watch, and walk to enjoy the peace that is available there. In recent years with the increase in Mountain bike use, several times a year I have had to jump or move quickly out of the way

so as to not be hit by a quickly moving mountain bike who showed no inclination to slow down or yield. If I had not moved fast on these occasions I would have been hit and likely injured. A word of protest on my part such as "slow down" has generally been met with indifference, scorn, or words of threat. I spoke with a group of mountain bikers after the September 20th meeting about my concerns. Uniformly they did not care, acting like my wish to walk the Fells without being concerned with being hit was an annoyance that they wished to dispense with. A few of them said they should be able to ride wherever they wish with no restrictions, seeing no problem with that.

I do believe the bikers need trails to ride on. Perhaps a long bike path could be established along the outer perimeter of the Fells traveling through a variety of terrain and avoiding environmentally sensitive areas. This trail could be designated as primarily for bike use. Anyone walking or running this trail would understand that bikes, traveling perhaps at a high speed, will be encountered and to be prepared to move out of the bikes way. Final responsibility to avoid collision will always be the cyclist's. The majority of trails would be off limits to bikes. Several trails could be designated mixed use where the cyclists would always yield to the walkers and runners. In this way the miles open to bikes would be greatly increased and the walkers/runners would know where to expect bikes and where they can relax, there being no possibility of being struck and injured.

Please consider very carefully the high potential for serious injury when bikes and walkers are on the same narrow trails. Please ensure the The Middlesex Fells remains a place to experience peace and serenity.

Sincerely,
Barry Kesselman

From: Bill Boles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 6:16 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan

I would like to express my support for the Middlesex Fells Trail Plan and urge its immediate implementation.

As president of the Friends of Wompatuck State Park I have observed how a close working relationship between a DCR property's many users fosters a cooperative attitude that benefits the facility and all of its users. Sadly such an environment is not present in the Fells and as a result conditions have deteriorated to the point where no one is happy and where parties are not willing to work together for the betterment of the Fells.

The implementation the Fells Trail Plan would be a good first step towards reducing those hostilities and getting energies directed towards positive ends rather than wasting it in useless acrimony.

Implementing the Fells Trail plan now would begin to resolve many decades of trail neglect and allow the DCR to better manage what is currently a very anarchistic situation.

Immediate implementation of the Fells Trail Plan would be good precursor to a full Resource Management Plan because its successes or failures could then be rationally discussed during the RMP process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fells Trail Plan. I urge the agency to move forward with it immediately and thus begin to address the decades of neglect and controversy that has plagued the Fells.

Bill Boles
Friends of Wompatuck State Park
<http://www.friendsofwompatuck.org/>

From: Carol Koskelowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comments on the plans that affect the Middlesex Fells

To whom it may concern:

I am a Medford resident who uses the trails in the Middlesex Fells. I have two children, ages 10 and 7 and since they were toddlers we have walked the trails in the Middlesex Fells to explore nature and have a quiet respite from the busy street that we live on.

I oppose the notion of creating an "urban recreation park" in the Fells and of developing new mountain bike trails. We already need to be quite careful crossing existing bike intersections with the children as most bikers travel quickly across hiking trail intersections.

I am asking that the Fells Trails System Plan remain in draft form while a Fells Resource Management Plan (RMP) process is underway.

I assert that no significant changes in Fells Reservation trail use should be made until the RMP process is completed.

I think that the state should make a priority of protecting the variety of birds and small animals as well as the trees and plants that exist in the Fells.

Thank you.

Carol Koskelowski
[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155

From: Flynn, David D [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:08 PM
To: 'fellstrail.comments@state.ma.us'
Subject: View on Fells Reservation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this email as my formal comment and recommendation that the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Fells Reservation Trails Plan Policy Change be contemplated in the context of a comprehensive Resource Management Plan. My home abuts the south-westerly edge of the Fells Reservation, adjacent to the Lawrence Woods. I believe it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its agent the DCR to act in its role as steward for this natural resource and to assure that the conservation of this land is maintained for future generations. Further, I believe it is the DCR's responsibility to take the lead role in assuring the proper mix of recreational uses (hiking, walking, bike riding, bird watching, etc) at the Fells Reservation. No one group, should be allowed to monopolize this process, it is the sole responsibility of the Commonwealth to manage and steward this critical asset, and they should not abrogate that responsibility.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David D. Flynn

Medford, MA 02155

From: Lindy Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:37 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

Dear Sirs,

I want to encourage you to look carefully at the sensitive and diverse ecological habitats in the Middlesex Fells and make their conservation your first priority. The Fells provides a rich experience of the natural world for Bostonians that they would otherwise have to seek out at a great distance from here. Its beauty is in its wildness.

Please respect your mandate to protect this natural area by doing a full Resource Management Plan that assures Massachusetts citizens that additional bike trails will in no way negatively impact wildlife or their habitats. As an active member of Winchester Trail, each year our group has taken hundreds of 4th and 5th graders from the Winchester Public Schools into the neighboring Fells. We study hands on the ecology of Long Pond, the vernal pools, the hickory/oak forest and its soils. There can be no better way to bring alive the interdependence of all of life. Children discover it themselves in a healthy forest

environment by turning over a log, watching birds in different parts of the forest canopy, or dragonflies catching insects near the water. Already there are many factors that make our work difficult, particularly unleashed dogs and their feces.

The Fells needs more management for the protection and conservation of the unique habitats that are there. Yes, human recreation is part of the DCR mission, but not to the detriment of what was so carefully preserved over one hundred years ago. The Middlesex Fells is not just a park and should never be treated as just as a place for humans to play. It is a place that can continue to remind us of our place in the balance of life.

From:
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 8:59 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Save the fells

To whom It May Concern,

Please do not allow them to ruin the trails with mountain bikes. They are already doing enough damage to the trails with their bikes.

Thanks You,

Gary and Kathy Floyd
[REDACTED] Medford, MA. 02155

From: Mary Hackett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 9:46 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Fells Trails Plan

For over fifteen years, I have been involved with Winchester Trails as a guide. We take the children on two hour nature walks to enhance their appreciation of nature. At the the end of our walk I tell the students that they are the future stewards of the Fells. Hopefully our young students and adults will protect this beautiful forest.

My daughter and I walk on the Stoneham area of the Fells. On several occasions we had to move off the trail for a fast riding biker. These bikers fly down slopes with great speed, loosening rocks causing the trails to erode. We enjoy walking in the Fells for the peace and quiet and great beauty nature has to offer.

Please protect the Fells for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for your considerations.

Mary Hackett

From: Lindy Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 9:49 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Middlesex Fells

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Sincerely Yours,
Elinor Brown

Winchester, MA 01890

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Dick Bauer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 9:55 PM
To: Fellstrail.comments
Subject: Middlesex Fells trails

Please hold off on any changes to the Trails policies until a "Resource Management Plan" (RMP) is completed. The RMP will consider all the ecological and recreational aspects of the Fells, and provide a way to carefully protect this irreplaceable open space from permanent harm or destruction.

Thank you

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Dick Bauer

[REDACTED] Somerville MA 02143

From: Madaline Minichiello [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2010 1:12 AM

To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)

Subject: Comments on "Draft Trail Plan"

Attachments: Middlesex Fells Reservation Draft Trail Plan Comments.doc

My letter with Comments on the DCR Draft Trail Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation and the September Meeting regarding this Plan is attached.

Sincerely,

Madaline Minichiello

MADALINE MINICHIELLO

November 18, 2010

Paul Jahnige

Director of Greenways and Trails Program

Department of Conservation and Recreation

136 Damon Road

Northampton, MA 01060

Via email to the DCR: Fellstrail.Comments@state.ma.us

RE: Comments on the Draft Trail Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation and the Presentation on September 20, 2010

Dear Mr. Jahnige:

The public presentation regarding the DCR's "Draft Trail Plan" for the Middlesex Fells Reservation was disturbing on many levels. Public input by law-abiding citizens who have enjoyed, protected, and respected the unique and priceless natural ecosystem that is the Middlesex Fells Reservation, should have been sought at public meetings in all of the Reservation's local communities. In this way, a Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) for the Reservation could be logically, fairly, and reasonably developed. Informed public input cannot come after the fact of this "Draft Trail Plan." "The DCR is not only legally required to develop a CRMP, but it is compelled to make this an open public process

with equal access for all impacted citizens of the suburbs in which the Reservation is located. A “Draft Trail Plan” for a Nature Reserve—which is what the Fells Reservation is—is only one component of a CRMP. A “Draft Trail Plan” cannot precede the public discussion of the mandated CRMP, as it cannot precede the draft CRMP.

In your presentation, Mr. Jahnige, you and your colleague from DCR, repeatedly mischaracterized the Middlesex Fells Reservation as an “Urban Park.” The Middlesex Fells Reservation is not an “Urban Park.” It is a natural Reservation of unique and great biodiversity of flora and fauna—the closest we can get to wilderness and undisturbed nature in a suburban area near Boston. It is now, and was named a “Reservation,” not a Park, because those who had vision in 1894 realized that they needed to preserve what was left of the “Big Woods,” the lakes, ponds, hills, rocks, and wetlands—the “natural state” of our State. It is not the Rose Kennedy Greenway—i.e. an Urban Park, nor is it Yellowstone—with the capacity to absorb vast numbers of visitors from all over the country.

Part of the DCR presentation cited a survey that was clearly nothing more than specious data created by the Mountain Bike Organization (and its corporate backers) in an invalid survey. When the audience immediately protested this obvious nonsense presented as fact, you, Mr. Jahnige reacted by sheepishly laughing and admitting that the “survey” might be biased. Your statement that hiking and mountain biking have the same negative impact on trails truly does fly in the face of the laws of physics. It is also refuted by a previous study of the widely destructive impact of mountain biking on the Fells Reservation.

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The Fells cannot become a free obstacle course directed by the Mountain Biking organization. Mountain bikers largely ignore all regulations, in my personal experience of them, over many years. At the meeting, they repeatedly said they don’t like regulations of any kind. These were the only true statements they made at the meeting.

The DCR must create a CRMP, and it must make a commitment to partner with the State Police in enforcing regulations in the Fells. It must listen to The Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, The Appalachian Mountain Club, and Mass Audubon, among other organizations that have long histories of protecting natural resources, who have all spoken out against this destructive Trail Plan. It must protect the public safety from unleashed dog attacks, as well as Mountain Biker threats and their destruction of signage, habitat, and trails. At the meeting in September, the hikers and nature appreciators spoke of the need to protect the Fells Reservation while they enjoyed its beauty; the organized Mountain Bikers only spoke of what they personally wanted to be able to do in the Reservation to increase the “no regulations” agenda of their “free obstacle course” biking experience. They never mentioned any aspect of Nature—completely oblivious of the “nature” of the Reservation and its survival.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation has an extraordinary diversity of habitat, flora, and fauna within its 2000 plus acres; but, it is vulnerable to many threats. Dr. Bryan Hamlin of the Friends of the Fells has documented some plants that were thought to be extinct, or not to

have existed in the Reservation. One should think of the plants in the Reservation as being like marbles of different colors, divided among squares of marbles, in a rectangular box. Not every color marble (plant) occurs in every square. Destroying one square is like creating one more bike trail, and the unique marbles (plants) may not occur elsewhere in the Reservation. Do not increase bike trails—or any trails, for that matter, and close illegal trails.

In closing, the DCR is mandated to create a CRMP for the Middlesex Fells Reservation and to have open, fair public input prior to its creation. The DCR has not done that; so, it must begin again, at the beginning. And, the DCR must acknowledge that the Middlesex Fells Reservation is a vulnerable, unique natural Reservation, located in a suburban environment; it is not an urban park. The “Draft Trail Plan” would decimate the natural flora and fauna, and future, of the Reservation. It must be discarded.

Sincerely,

Madaline Minichiello

From: Bette Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 12:01 AM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Mountain biking in Middlesex Fells

I believe that mountain biking should not be allowed at all on the trails in the Fells. I walk there; I think the nature that is preserved there is to be enjoyed by people who are moving at a slow enough pace to be able to enjoy it. People who are on mountain bikes are moving so fast that they can't appreciate their surroundings, and because of the dangerous nature of what they're doing, they have to concentrate on the path/trail. It makes it much less relaxing and pleasant for walkers/hikers if they have to be on the lookout for bikes which might come flying toward them at any time. And, needless to say, it is dangerous.

I'm sorry this is not more eloquent; I just noticed that the deadline was 11/19, and hope this can still be considered.

Sincerely,
Bette Davis

From: Bob Buote [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: The F ells

The Fells Reservation is in need of preservation not more intrusion by development or bike paths.

From: David Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 11:20 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
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Subject: comments on draft trail plan

I apologize for submitting these comments late, and I hope you will consider them. I experienced some technical problems downloading the draft plan and did not succeed until this evening.

I am writing first as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, and second as a individual who has been mountain biking, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing in the Fells since 1994. I rode my mountain bike from my home in Arlington to the Fells today and enjoyed a pleasant ride on the existing mountain bike loop. I ride in the Fells more often than any other park because it is close enough to my home that I can ride my bike to the park rather than loading it on my car. More than that, though, the Fells is one of my most special places and an important part of my life.

First, on behalf of MassBike: MassBike supports expanding the availability of legal, sustainable trails for mountain bike use in the Fells, and fully supports NEMBA's approach to this issue.

Now, on to my own specific comments regarding the draft plan:

I appreciate DCR's recognition of the needs of the mountain biking community and the extent to which those needs are not being met currently in the Fells. This is well-stated in Section 3.4, in the paragraph entitled "Mountain biking on a variety of types and difficulties of trails and terrain". As DCR recognizes in Section 3.1, "[t]he Middlesex Fells Reservation is an extremely popular destination which experiences high levels of recreational use, particularly trail use." Therefore, the plan must be responsive to the reality of these recreational uses.

It is important to understand the facts that DCR will use to inform its decisions regarding the Fells trail system. DCR has concluded that the overall condition of the trail system in the Fells is substantially better than the DCR state and urban park system as a whole. See Section 2.6. DCR recognizes that "[a]ll trail uses have impacts to soils, water quality, wildlife, and vegetation. In the Fells, user-created trails, off-trail use, unsustainable trail designs, and redundant and overlapping trails compound these impacts." See Section 1.3. DCR notes that "soil loss caused by water running down the trail" is the most common type of trail damage in the Fells, and that fall line trails (of which there are many in the Fells) are unsustainable in many cases. See Section 2.6. Further DCR recognizes that the scientific literature "demonstrates that the environmental impacts caused by different types of trail use are similar between the main uses in the Fells including hiking, running and mountain biking." See Section 4.1.

Section 6.1: I strongly support the need for simplifying the trail system in the Fells and making it less confusing to navigate. While I have certainly learned my way around over the past 16 years, I still have trouble navigating sections of the park I do not visit often.

Section 6.3: Signage and maps that work together would be a welcome improvement. I like the system in Lynn Woods where each intersection is numbered within a grid system so you can easily figure out where you are by looking at an intersection sign and a map. Signage designating loops appropriate for different users are OK, but keep in mind that decisions regarding "appropriate use" on any given trail should not be made arbitrarily or contrary to the facts regarding trail impacts.

Section 6.4: I strongly support limiting the seasonal closure to the March "mud season" as proposed rather than the current blanket winter closure. I would, however, suggest that any seasonal closure should apply equally to all user groups, in keeping with the scientific facts that all users in the Fells have similar impacts.

Section 6.7: I support enhanced enforcement of the rules, but question the focus on "no biking on hiking-only trails". As previously noted, there is no scientific justification for prohibiting biking on trails where hiking is permitted.

Section 6.8: Again, there is no scientific justification for prohibiting biking on trails where hiking is permitted. Unless DCR is prepared to maintain and enforce separate but comparable trail systems for hikers and bikers, there should not be a policy of single-use trails in the Fells. Continuing the policy of hiking-only trails would only serve to perpetuate the unfair allocation of trails that has disproportionately affected mountain bikers for decades. Decisions to close trails, either completely or for certain uses, should be consistent with the factual framework reviewed above. If, indeed, water is the chief culprit in trail damage in the Fells, and the impacts of all Fells users is similar, trails should not be closed to mountain biking without justification and adequate alternatives. I further object to closing entire areas of the park to mountain biking while leaving them open to all other uses - there is no justification for this. If areas like Virginia Woods are too sensitive for mountain biking, they are too sensitive for any use with similar impacts, such as hiking and running. Even in sensitive areas, open corridors should be maintained to permit all users from adjacent neighborhoods to pass through in order to reach less-sensitive areas of the park. I very strenuously object to separating uses by day or time - this is inherently unfair to anyone whose schedule does not coincide with the schedule for their preferred use, and I can't imagine how such a policy could be enforced.

David Watson

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From: Ken Krause [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Comments, Fellstrail (DCR)
Subject: Comment letter - Draft Fells Trails Plan

Dear DCR staff,

Please find attached my comment letter regarding the Draft Trails Plan for the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Thank you.

Ken Krause

Kenneth J. Krause

November 19, 2010

Paul Jahnige
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Dear Mr. Jahnige,

On Saturday, October 9, my wife and I enjoyed a unique and delightful event in the Middlesex Fells Reservation. It was called "Dance in the Fells" and it featured contemporary dance performances choreographed specifically for and conducted in six distinctive sites across the Fells.

As we walked along the trail system to and from the dance venues, passing hundreds of people, from infants to octogenarians, strolling along, one thought kept occurring to me: We could never enjoy this experience if these trails were being criss-crossed by speeding mountain bike riders.

That is just one reason why I write today regarding the Draft Middlesex Fells Trail Plan created by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

As I stated in my February 2010, letter about the proposed Fells Trail Plan, I support mountain bike access to the Fells and believe that it is appropriate for DCR to analyze how mountain bike access can be improved and even expanded. But, the overriding factor in this analysis must be that any changes to the mountain biking access and regulations – and to any other aspects of the Fells trails operations – must not be undertaken to the detriment of other Fells trail users.

To that end, I continue to oppose the expansion of mountain bike riding to ALL Fells trails, as some have proposed, and concur with the Décor's statement on Page 27 of the Draft Trail Plan that the Fells "is not an appropriate place for mountain bikers on all trails or for bikers to find the most advanced trail conditions," and that the Fells "is not the appropriate place to find expert trails, manmade obstacles, off-trail opportunities, or extensive advance trail mileage."

The Trail Plan states that trails are "the venue through which we experience and interact with the natural and cultural environment around us." This is true, but the mountain bike rider is seeking a much different experience than are those on foot, despite the Trail Plan's far-fetched declaration that, "In general, most users on mountain bikes desire to connect with nature and experience diverse landscapes and destinations in the same way that other users do."

Rather than meaningfully interact with or examine the natural environment, the objective of the mountain bike rider often is to travel through the park as swiftly as possible, racing either another rider or the clock. Mountain bikes travel at significant speeds, easily 5 to 10 times or more faster than trail users on foot; represent up to hundreds of pounds of force including rider and equipment; leap over rocks, logs, puddles and other obstacles; and can approach quickly, silently, and unexpectedly.

This activity is wholly different from that of users who are walking, hiking, dog-walking or bird-watching, and may include elderly people, young children, and people with disabilities. Commingling the activities of all these users onto any trail that is not expressly designed for multiple uses – which includes most of the trails in the Fells – is ill-advised and detrimental to the safety and enjoyment of all of the user groups.

Further, as the Trail Plan states, "by far the greatest area of conflict within the Fells trail system is between mountain bikers and some other user." Why, then, would the DECRY even consider any action, such as expanding multi-use trail designations, that would increase this conflict? After all, a prominent goal of Trail Plan is to increase "opportunities to appreciate and interact with the beauty and wonder of nature." It makes more sense to segregate the mountain bike activity away from the more passive pursuits that are far more prevalent – and appropriate – in the Fells.

Therefore, I suggest that DECRY strike from the Trail Plan its intention to evaluate through the Resource Management Process the designation of all trails except the Skyline and Rock Circuit trails as multi-use (i.e., mountain bike approved) trails.

With regard to the rest of the Draft Trail Plan:

- I was pleased to see that there are no plans to allow after-dark use of the park by mountain bike riders, has had been requested.
- I oppose the change of the winter mountain biking closure policy that would allow mountain bike riding on March 1, as opposed to the current opening date of April 15. March is the third wettest month of the year in Boston, trailing November and January, and opening the trails to mountain bikes that early in the year is unwise and invites harm to both the trails and its users.
- While the Plan proposes to increase automobile parking at the Fells, there were no recommendations to increase bicycle parking, and no mention of how to improve access to the Fells via public transportation. These issues should both be added to the Final Trails Plan.
- I also reiterate my call for the creation of a permanent Fells Trails Stakeholder Committee that will meet regularly with DCR and work to foster constructive dialogue among all stakeholders with a common goal of improve and maintaining the Fells Trails system.

Finally, I quote a cogent letter to the editor in a recent issue of the Sierra Club's magazine that noted a trend of cover photos of people engaged in "adrenaline-rush 'sports' in the outdoors. The writer asked, "Aren't you telling people that wilderness is a place that should be used as their own personal playground?"

He concluded: "When an activity becomes more important than the place where it is done, expect to see problems."

The same could be said with regard to mountain biking and the Middlesex Falls.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input.
Ken Krause

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From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: Overton, Samantha (DCR); Crawford, Conrad (DCR); Walsh, Thomas M (DCR)
Subject: Re: Fells Trail Plan

Hello Paul--

Please see my comments to the Fells Trail Plan attached. As stated in my comments, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the DCR's planning process.

David Monahan

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PS: Please note that this PDF contains my electronic signature. I will be happy to put a copy in the mail as well, if you like.

David W. Monahan

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November 19, 2010

Department of Conservation and Recreation
c/o Fells Trail Plan
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Re: Middlesex Fells Trail Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) my comments to the Middlesex Fells Reservation Draft Trail Plan. In summary, as a dog owner who has visited the Fells regularly with my dog for years, I am glad to see that the DCR has taken the needs of dog owners into account in drafting this plan, and has proposed a trial off-leash dog area or times at Sheepfold. But I must take issue with the fact that no provision has been made for designating trails for use by dog owners, and I also object to misleading and unsupported statements in Appendix E regarding the environmental impact of dogs.

I thank the DCR for its thoughtful manner of devising a trail plan which protects this wonderful natural resource, and takes into account the needs of all user groups. It was encouraging to be invited to public meetings to hear and comment on the proposed plan, and the site visits to walk through the Fells with DCR staff were very informative.

I. The Middlesex Fells is part of the Urban Parks District

The foundation of all plans for the Middlesex Fells should be recognition that it is an urban park. Under Chapter 92, Section 33 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Fells is within the "urban parks district"—designated as "open spaces for exercise and recreation." While some nature groups would apparently like to cordon off the park so that their members can stand on the perimeter and gaze in with binoculars, that is not what the law provides. The good news is that the park is used every day of the year by Massachusetts

residents who respect its natural beauty and the living things within it. These include large numbers of dog owners who visit the park with their dogs, and mountain bikers. Both groups are, primarily, responsible park users who respect the rights of other park users and treat our natural resources with great respect.

II. Dog owner use of the Fells

Dog owners use the Sheepfold and the trails throughout the Fells 365 days a year. Considering the large number of visitors to the Sheepfold on a daily basis, the park is remarkably clean and free of debris. Most dog owners are very careful to take out and deposit in the trash bin anything that they bring into the park.

I commend the DCR for proposing an off-leash area or off-leash hours at Sheepfold, and I believe this idea is long overdue. I am involved with the Middlesex Fells Dog Owner Group (FellsDOG), and I know that this group and other area dog owner groups are prepared to work with the DCR and other user groups to help develop an appropriate plan for off-leash activity at the Sheepfold. The focus of our groups has always been to educate dog owners on the need to pick up dog waste every single time, and to supervise our dogs to ensure that they are playing safely and not interfering with other park users. We would be glad to serve this role as legal off-leash activity is rolled out at the Fells.

I was pleased to see that the Trail System Plan includes engaging in various outdoor activities with the family dog among its “managed experiences” at the Fells. Dog owners also use the trails at the Fells in a responsible fashion. Considering the miles and miles of trails at the Fells, there is no reason why the DCR should not develop a plan to designate one or more trails as permissible for off-leash dog walking.

III. Misleading statements about the environmental impact of dogs

I object to misleading statements in Appendix E under the heading “What are the Impacts of Dogs and Dog Walking?” They give the impression that dogs are more damaging to the environment than the cited studies actually state.

The first paragraph of that section gives the impression that dogs are a major cause of fecal coliform bacteria in water supplies. But all available research, including cases cited in this section, show waterfowl, gulls, and pigeons to be a much greater source of fecal coliform in water supplies than dogs, and note that cats, squirrels, raccoons, rats, and other animals all contribute to fecal coliform levels. This section cites a 1996 report issued by Alderisio, Wait, and Sobsey regarding the New York City Water Supply. But that report, based on research at the Kensico Reservoir in Westchester County, noted the need for resources “to investigate and mitigate potential nonhuman sources such as waterfowl and gulls, as well as other wildlife in the Kensico watershed.” It made no mention of dogs. For more on the various sources of non-human fecal coliform bacteria, see Focus: Bacteria in the Issaquah Creek Basin, Washington State Department of Ecology (2004), <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0410038.pdf>

The second paragraph of that section similarly overstates the impact of dog walking on wildlife. One would think that the litany of scientific studies cited was damning evidence of the negative impact of dogs. But the studies listed simply do not support the hypothesis. For instance, the Nol and Brooks study on Effects of Predator Exclosures on Nesting Success of Killdeer describes the predatory actions of gulls, raccoons, and other mammals—it makes no mention of dogs. The George and Crooks study on Recreation and large mammal activity in an urban nature reserve finds negative “relative activity” impacts upon coyotes, bobcats, and mule deer to be greater from hikers and bikers than from dogs. And the Miller, Knight, Miller report Wildlife responses to pedestrians and dogs showed that the general area of influence on most wildlife was less for a dog walking alone than it was for a person walking alone.

We all agree that the impact of dogs on wildlife should be taken into account when formulating a trail plan for the Fells or any other park. But let us not overstate the impact that dogs have as compared to hikers and bikers.

IV. The benefits of activity with dogs

Finally, I note that the plan goes to great lengths to attempt to document the negative impact of dogs, but not to note the benefits. I will refer to one study which says it well:

Benefits of dogs:

- As dogs need daily walking, their owners gain benefits from regular exercise and access to the countryside.
- Dog ownership results in important health, psychological and social benefits for all family members.
- Studies have shown that dog ownership produces beneficial physiological effects in people such as favourable changes in blood lipids, glucose, blood pressure, immune levels and pain relief.

Taylor, K., Anderson, P., Taylor, R., Longden, K. and Fisher, P., 2005. Dogs, access and nature conservation. *English Nature*, ENRR No. 649.

The same study goes on, after noting that dogs do have some impact on wildlife, to state:

[S]uch is the benefit that dogs bring and the widespread expectation that dog owners can take their dogs into the countryside, it is impractical to consider banning dogs from all sites of nature conservation value. Evidence suggests that integrated management strategies can be devised (based on control of dogs and influencing their owners) that will reduce the impact of dogs on many nature conservation sites, and seek mutually beneficial solutions.

I would suggest that the DCR should maintain the same balanced approach as it fine tunes and implements a new Middlesex Fells Trail Plan.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to contribute to the planning process.

Sincerely,

/s/ David W. Monahan
David W. Monahan
